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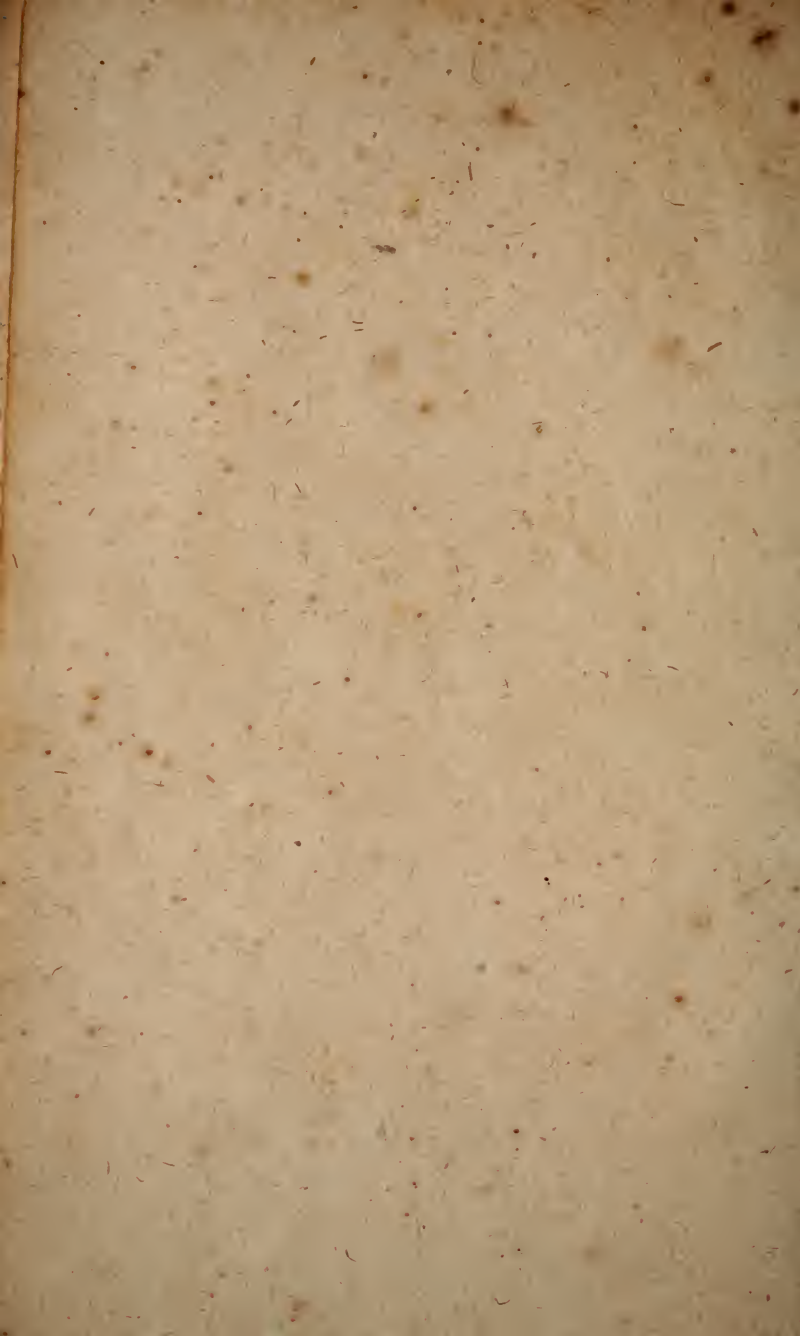
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*The Right Hon^{ble}
Henry Bennet Earl of Arlington
&c.*

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The Right Honourable the
Earl of *ARLINGTON*'s
LETTERS
TO
Sir *W. Temple*, Bar.

From *July 1665*.

Being the first of his Employments abroad,
To *September 1670*. when he was recall'd.

Giving a perfect and exact Account of the
TREATIES of *Munster, Breda, Aix la
Chapelle*, and the *Triple Alliance* ;

Together with

The particular Instructions to *Sir William Temple*,
the Earl of *Carlinsford* and *Mr. Van Beuningen* :
With other Papers relating to those *Treaties*.

As also a particular Relation of the Death of *Ma-
dam* by a Person of Quality then actually upon the
Spot.

All Printed from the Originals and never before
Publish'd.

By *Tho. Bebington*, of *Grays-Inn*, Gent.

L O N D O N,

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To the Right Noble

CHARLES

Duke of GRAFTON,

Earl of Euston, Viscount Ipswich, Baron Sudbury, &c.

May it please your Grace.

IF by Humbly laying these Papers at Your Grace's Feet, I should prove so unfortunate as to fall under the Imputation of being Presumptuous, I hope Your Grace will the easier excuse me, since I could not otherwise have justified my self from the more unpardonable Omision of both Duty and Justice, had I neglected any opportunity to acquaint the World how infinitely I am oblig'd to Your Noble Family. And altho' I have presumed to shelter them under

The Epistle Dedicatory.

Your Grace's Patronage, without asking it before-hand. Yet as Your Grace has in some sence the sole Propriety in them, so to Convey them under any other Protection to the World, whatever appearances of Modesty it might carry with it, would have been an Act of the highest Injustice.

Therefore may it please Your Grace, to accept of the most grateful Offer both of Respect and Duty, which can be tender'd by one who wisheth Your Grace's Prosperity and Increase in all manner of Noble Vertues, and who is,

May it please Your Grace,

Your Grace's

Most Faithful and Obedient

Humble Servant,

Tho. Bebington.

THE
P R E F A C E.

Prefaces of late, by the Disingenuity of some Publishers, may without Reflection be justly compared to Quack-Bills: For the one Presents you with a long Scroul of Diseases, which the Doctor no more Understands than he can Cure; and the other insinuates a whole Volume of New Discoveries, which the Author never so much as once dream'd of. This Mercenary way of proceeding creates frequent Suggestions very Disadvantageous to their own Purposes, as well as Injurious to their Authors. But however they may be allowed to take, for some private Ends, so great a Latitude of freedom with the Living; yet they ought to be a little more cautious how they presume to disturb the Manes of the Dead. And whether we, by a charitable Interpretation do impute it to their Ignorance of what they Print, or by a more reasonable Censure, to a Selfish Design, it is equally an apparent Imposition upon the Reader. The aforesaid Considerations did in some measure induce me to make Publick the ensuing Papers: For what hath been already Printed of

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this Nature under the Name of Sir William Temple's Letters, are so far from answering the Pompous Titles prefix'd before them, That as the matter is contriv'd, they are rather a Ridicule upon that Great Man, than of any Use or Benefit to others. This I say was one, but the principal Inducement to send the following Letters publickly into the World, is to clear up the Reputation of a Greater Person than Sir William (and to whom Sir William was altogether indebted for his Publick Employments abroad) from some Aspersions that his Letters and Memoirs do casually fling upon it, for they seem to insinuate as if Sir William was the sole Engine that gave Vigour and Life to all the Affairs wherein he was concern'd: But, not to derogate from that part he had in them, 'tis evident, as he acted in a lower Sphere, so it was by a Communicative Motion from my Lord Arlington, who both instructed and directed Sir William in every step of his Proceedings. This I think is as little as in Justice can be said to the Memory of that Loyal, able Statesman and Minister, and no more than what I am perswaded all the World will grant, upon the perusal of the following Papers.

What they contain is (besides some occasional Relations) a perfect History of the Treaty between King CHARLES the Second, and the Bishop of Munster, of the Rise and Progress of the Treaty

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Treaty concluded at Breda, of the Triple Alliance, of the Treaty at Aix la Chapelle, of the Swedish Subsidies, or Money to be paid by Spain to that Crown, on consideration of its entering into the Triple League, of the differences between the English and Dutch East-India Companies, of the Journey and Death of Madam, by a Person of Quality then upon the Spot; for over and above my Lord's own Letters to Sir William Temple, I have, to carry on the Story more regularly, and to set every matter in its proper Light, inserted several Letters from other Persons to my Lord, besides the Authentick Instructions and Communications upon the Projects of the Peace, as also the Projects, as they were a sort of Embryo's, and lastly, the Treaties themselves, being consummated and brought to Perfection.

This brief account of the Contents, is no more than what I conceiv'd necessary, and, I'm certain the Reader will find that they in every particular correspond so justly with the Character, that he will have no cause to charge me with a fault I have so severely condemn'd in others; but all the Reason in the World to acknowledge himself oblig'd with what has been long promised, (viz.) (The History of those Times, being the most obscure part of King Charles the Second's Reign) by Sir William Temple; and what is now perform'd from the Writings of a Greater Man; and will no doubt be no less acceptable to the World.

The P R E F A C E.

I will be bound to answer, That there is nothing promised in the Title Page, which is not abundantly made good in the Book, to the perfect satisfaction of every Candid Reader. Moreover, That there is not the least Interpolation in the whole, but that every thing is Genuine and Faithfully copy'd from the Original, is what can be attested by the best Authority in the World, I mean, the Originals themselves; which are ready on occasion to be produc'd, some few Personal and Familiar Passages only excepted, which were of no Publick concern, and therefore to avoid all sort of particular Reflections are industriously omitted.

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PAge 4. l. 19, and 20. dele, in the next, and add, following. p. 44. l. 1. for *del Envoy*, r. *de l' Envoy*. p. 47. l. 2. for *a la*, r. *au*. ib. l. 3. for *d' el*, r. *de l'*. p. 115. l. 6. for *coming*, r. *is come*. p. 156. l. 1. for 10. *March*, r. 28.---- The Literal Mistakes the Reader is desired to Correct as he goes along.

The Right Honourable the
 Earl of *ARLINGTON*'s
L E T T E R S
 T O
Sir W. Temple, Bar. &c.

The Treaty between King Charles the IIId. of England, &c. and the Bishop of Munster.

Tractatus inter Carolum Secundum, Regem Angliæ, &c. & Episcopum Monasteriensem.

BE it hereby known to all persons, that a mutual League, between the most Serene, and Potent Prince, *Charles the Second of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith,* of one part; and the Reverend and most Excellent

Notum sit hisce tabulis quod inter *Serenissimum ac Potentissimum Principem, ac Dominum, Dominum Carolum secundum Magnæ Britannia, Francia & Hibernia Regem, Fidei Defensorem ab unâ; ac Reverendissimum & Celsissimum Dominum, Do-*

B Lord,

Lord, Lord *Christopher Bernardi* Bishop of *Munster*, and Prince of the Sacred *Roman Empire* of the other part, is agreed upon in the following manner.

Whereas His most Reverend Highness, being daily grieved, and provoked by the repeated affronts and injuries of the United Provinces of *Holland*, hath signified to His Majesty by *Henry Alexander*, Baron of *Wreden*, Lieutenant Colonel, and His Commissary of War, that he intends to revenge the same with his Sword, and with an Army of 20000. Foot and 10000. Horse, to Invade their Country, and destroy it in an hostile manner, and therefore hath moved to enter into a League and Alliance with His Majesty, desiring a certain Sum of Money, as well to raise, as to support his

minimum Christopherum Bernardum Episcopum Monasteriensem, & Sacri Romani Imperii Principem ab alterâ partibus, mutuum fœdus initum sit sequenti modo.

Cum, nimirum, Celsitudo sua Reverendissima pluribus fœderatarum Belgii Provinciarum vexata contumeliis, injuriisque laceffita, Majestati suæ, per generosum Dominum Baronem Henricum Alexandrum de Wreden, Vice-Colonellum, ac Consiliarium suum Bellicum, significaverit se paratum easdem ferro ulcisci, exercitûq; Viginti Millium Peditum, & Decem Millium Equitum, impetum in ditiones Reipublicæ uniti Belgii facere, easque hostili modo devastare, ideóq; fœdus & amicitiam cum Majestate suâ instituere, certamque pecuniam, cum ad conscribendum, & alendum militem, tum ad reliquos belli apparatus,
Army,

Army, as also to defray the Expences of other warlike preparations; His Majesty does hereby declare, That he enters into a Confederacy with his Highness, which he will most religiously observe, and promiseth, upon the Word of a King, that he will not make a Peace with the United Provinces of *Holland*, before he signifies the same to his Highness, having always a regard to the Confederacy, and to the benefit and security of his Highness. On the other hand, his Highness does promise that he neither will accept of a Peace, nor Cessation of Arms, with the said Republick, unknown to, or without His Majesties consent.

For the Charge of the aforesaid Army of 20000. Foot, and 10000. Horse, with which his Highness engageth to take the Field in Two

desideraverit; Majestas sua se hisce foederis cum celsitudine sua Reverendissima inire testatur, ejusdenique leges sanctissime observaturam profitetur, promittitque verbo Regis se Pacem cum foederatis Belgii Provinciae non inituram, nisi data celsitudini suae Reverendissimae consilii notitia, habitaque hujus foederis, & Celsitudinis suae Reverendissimae utilitatum & securitatis ratione. Spondet autem Celsitudo sua Reverendissima, inconsulta, aut abruente sua Majestate, pacem se nullam, nec inducias cum praedicta Republica facturam.

In stipendium praedicti exercitus, Viginti Millium Peditum, & Decem Millium Equitum, quem intra duos menses paratum omni-

Months time, and for Artillery, and other Ammunition His Majesty promiseth to command 500000. Rix Dollars to be paid at London, and, at His Majesties charge, to be return'd by Bill of Exchange into Germany, at *Hamburgh, Antwerp, Cologne, Lubec, or Francfort*, with all convenient speed. Which Money shall be imploy'd for defraying the Charges of Three Months, viz. Of *June* in this Year, and *July* and *August* in the next. And the first payment shall be 200000. Rix Dollars in *June*, the 2d. 150000. in *July* next, and the third 150000. in *August* following, and that well and faithfully in good Money. And all the foresaid Sums shall be paid either to his Highness or to his Order.

busque rebus instructum fore promittit Reverendissima Celsitudo, in rem Tormentariam ceterosq; belli apparatus, quingenta Imperialium Thalerorum millia Londini numerari jubebit sua Majestas, cambio Majestatis sue sumptibus, in Germaniam consignanda Hamburgi, Antwerpia, Colonia Agrippinae, Lubecae, vel Francofurti, quoad commo fieri poterit. Quae pecunia in sumptum trium mensium, Junii scilicet hujus anni, Julii & Augusti proxime insequentium, erogabitur; primaque pensio ducentorum Imperialium Thalerorum Millium fiet mense Junio, secunda centum quinquaginta Thalerorum Millium mense Julio proximo, tertia centum quinquaginta Thalerorum Millium in sequente mense Augusto; idque bona fide, & bona monetâ. Omnes vero praememoratae summae solventur vel Reverendissima

But

But as to the succeeding time that the War shall be carried on with their joint Consent, His Majesty shall pay 50000. Rix Dollars a Month in the manner specified above.

But if his Highness the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, or his Highness the Duke of *Newburgh* do separately joyn their Forces with his Highness against the foresaid Republick, within the space of the said Two Months; then his Highness shall rest satisfied with one moiety of this Money, and the other moiety shall be refunded to His Majesty.

But if his Electoral Highness of *Branden-*

sue Celsitudini, vel iis quibus accipiendi pecuniam potestas à Celsitudine sua Reverendissima erit.

Quod ad reliquum tempus attinet, in singulos menses, quamdiu bellum de communi sententia geretur, quinquaginta Imperialium Thalero- rum millia eodem modo Majestas sua numerari curabit.

Quod si Serenissimus Elector Brandenburgicus, aut Celsitudo sua Neoburgica separatim hujus fœderis particeps esse voluerit, bellumque intra prædictum duorum mensium tempus, sociatis cum Reverendissima sua Celsitudine viribus, cum prædicta uniti Belgii Republica gerere; tum media parte hujus pecuniæ contenta erit sua Reverendissima Celsitudo, altera medietas Majestati suæ renumerabitur.

Si vero sua Celsitudo Electoralis Brandenburgh,

burgh, and his Highness of Newburgh, do jointly enter into this War, then his Highness shall not have above one Third of the foresaid Sums; and the remaining part shall be accounted for to His Majesty, which, being proportion'd to their Quota of Soldiers, shall be paid to the said Princes, coming into this Confederacy; according to the time that they shall prosecute this War.

But if any King, or Prince, or Republick shall, because of this Confederacy, declare War against his Highness, or give him any other Diversion; His Majesty does promise His continual Protection (which they call Guarantie.) And His Majesty does in like manner offer to perform this Guarantie to his Highness, the E-

gica & Celsitudo sua Neoburgica bellum hoc simul aggrediantur, tum Reverendissima sua Celsitudo non ultra tertiam partem predictarum summarum desiderabit, reliquæque pecunie Majestati suæ ratio constabit. Quæ prorata portione, & pecunie & militum, predictis Principibus in hoc fœdus coeuntibus numerabitur; habita etiam temporis ratione, quo dictum bellum prosequentur.

Si verò Rex, Princepsve aliquis, aut Respublica, ratione hujus fœderis jam olimus bellum Celsitudini suæ inferre, aut Negotium ullum facessere voluerit, Majestatis suæ eidem adesse, perpetuamque tutelant. (Guarantiam vocant) præstare spondet, quam pariter Guarantiam, & de non innuendâ pace promissum, Celsitudini suæ Electorali Brantector

lector of *Brandenburgh*, and his Highness of *Newburgh*, as also the promise of not making a Peace. And lastly, To pay the Subsidy of Money to them, as it is promis'd to his Highness, if they will enter into the Confederacy, and carry on the War against the Republick of *Holland*.

denburgica, & Celsitudini Neoburgicæ offert præstabitque sua Majestas. Nec non pecuniarum subsidium, quale Celsitudini suæ Reverendissimæ promittitur, si fæderis hujus participes, bellumque adversus prædictam Uniti Belgii Rempublicam suscipere velint.

All which have been concluded upon, in His Majesty's Name, by *Henry* Baron of *Arlington*, one of His Majesty's Privy Council, and the First Secretary of State; and in the Name of his Highness, by Baron *Henry Alexander de Wreden*, Lieutenant Colonel, and his Commissary of War: Who do mutually promise that the same shall be Rati- fied by His Majesty, and his Highness, together with the Chapter of *Munster*. In Testimony whereof they

Hæc sanxierunt nomine Majestatis suæ Vir Illustrius Henricus Baro de Arlington, Majestatis suæ à sanctioribus conciliis primarius Status Secretarius: Nomine verò Celsitudinis suæ Reverendissimæ generosus Dominus Baro Henricus Alexander de Wreden, Vice-Colonellus, & Consiliarius Reverendissimæ suæ Celsitudinis Bellicus; eaque quàm primum ratificata fore, & à Majestate sua, & à Celsitudine sua Reverendissima Capitulòq; Ecclesiæ Monasteriensis invicem pro-

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have Sign'd and Seal'd
the same.

*mittunt, in quorum fidem
hæc subscripserunt, &
Sigillis suis munierunt.*

Arlington.

Arlington.

*Henricus Alexander,
Baro de Wreden.*

*Henricus Alexander,
Baro de Wreden.*

Dat. Londini } *Decimo Tertio
Die Junii,
Anno Dom. 1665.*

INSTRUCTI-

INSTRUCTIONS

T O

William Temple, Esq;

Going to his Highness the Bishop of
Munster.

WITH these our Instructions there is delivered to you a Letter of Credence to the Bishop of *Munster*, together with the *Treaty* made between Us, and Him; the Execution and Performance whereof on his part is the Scope and Intention of Your Journey: Towards which you must apply your self with all Care, Industry and Secrecy, Transmitting hither, to one of our Principal Secretaries of State, an exact and particular Account of all Things that Occur to you, with relation to the effect abovementioned.

You shall concert your Departure from hence with the Baron of *Wreden*; and, together with him, or separate from him, as You shall agree, make all possible haste to the Bishop of *Munster*; and there deliver to him your Letter of Credence: And, offering the Exchange of the Ratification of our *Treaty*, enter upon these following Discourses, in which you are hereby Instructed.

Which

Which being finished with all convenient speed, You shall press the Bishop to impower one of his Servants to return with you to *Bruges*. Where, upon the Exhibition of his Power, and taking accordingly a Receipt from him for it, you shall Pay to him the Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, which Alderman *Backwell* is Transporting in *Specie*, or by Bills according to our Appointment. Which being perform'd, You shall return to reside with, or near the Person of the Bishop, according as you shall be by him directed, to be in a readiness towards all those Functions, which are incumbent on You, in the performance of this present Service, and especially in representing Weekly to us, and by all other convenient occasions; the Progress and Improvement thereof.

You shall principally direct your Discourse to the Bishop in exposing to him, how the value, and esteem, we have of his Person, and Vertue, hath prevailed with us; to meet his Proposition with those advances of Confidence and Money, on our part, towards the performance of the *Treaty* made betwixt us. Assuring him it shall be inviolably executed and performed, on our part, with all possible regard and advantage to him (even beyond the things stipulated) if it shall please God to continue to bless us with Success in this Great Undertaking against the *Dutch*. A great part of which, we assure our selves, will be improved by his Vigorous Application to that part which depends on him.

And, with this Occasion, you shall represent to him the strength of our Naval Forces: The wonderful Alacrity, with which our People con-
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cur to the support of it; together with the Success it hath pleased God to have given us already. Discouraging to him all things of this Nature, which may warm; and animate him to a more eager prosecution of the War on his part; with the Fruits and Advantages he shall acquire thereby. All which will be entirely left to him, or those other Princes with whom he shall Associate himself in this Engagement. Above all things inforcing his present taking the Field, with the Troops he shall gather together, and doing something considerable with all possible Speed. That so we, on our part, may receive some present Fruit by this diversion for the Improvement of that Impression, which, by the Success it hath pleased God to give us, is already, and may, in the future, be farther made upon the *Dutch* Government by our Naval Force.

In the next place you shall enquire of him, and accordingly give us an account thereof, what Disposition there is in the Princes, his Neighbours, to joyn with him: Whether he will Negotiate that Conjunction himself, or expect it from Us: What He hopes, or fears, in the prosecution of this Business, from *France*, *Spain*, and the Empire; adding to us your own Observations and Judgment thereupon, together with the Progress made by him, that we may accordingly take our Measures here. And, if the Bishop shall judge it convenient, You shall offer yourself to Visit, in our Name, the Elector of *Mentz*, the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, or the Duke of *Newburgh*, or any of them, as he shall direct you. To which purpose there shall be delivered to you, herewith,

herewith, distinct Letters of Credence for each of them. To whom you shall frame your Discourses according as the Bishop shall instruct you, indearing to them our particular esteem of their Persons, and the Benefits they may receive in a Conjunction with us, in this Undertaking. Making the Foundation thereof the *Treaty* We have made with the Bishop of *Munster*; which we shall farther distinctly, and apart ratifie to them, if they shall so require it; tho, we foresee, the time will scarce permit it, before the Undertaking be begun. All which, as is said before, You must first submit to the Bishop's Judgment, always assuring him that, whatever the Success be of this Negotiation with these Princes, he may depend upon it that the Payment of the succeeding Months shall be as effectually comply'd with, as this first. And advising with him to what place, or places the Bills, or Monies may, in the future, be most conveniently Transmitted, giving early notice to us thereof.

Upon the whole matter, You must always keep in your eye the *Treaty*, as the Foundation of this Correspondence betwixt us. And accordingly press the exact performance of it, not allowing your self the Latitude of any Interpretation, or Recession from it, without first Consulting Us, but assuring him, in the general, of the likelihood of finding a great facility in us, in dispensing with any circumstances, which, in the Execution thereof, may be found very difficult, or impracticable, altho we do not foresee any can happen to be so.

In Case the Elector of *Mentz*, the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, or the Duke of *Newburgh*, one, or more of them, shall joyn in the Association desir'd, then You shall, advertising us thereof, govern your self in making the Deduction of the Payments according to what is expressed in the *Treaty*. Suspending (even tho you should find your self ready for it) the second Payment till you are in your Judgment Convinc'd that some fair, and reasonable Progress is made by the Bishop in his Preparations upon the first; but so discreetly, and with such fair pretences, as he may not suspect, We distrust his performance.

Upon occasion you shall discourse with his Highness, the Bishop, the satisfaction We have had in the Person of the Baron of *Wreden*, and manner of his Negotiating with Us; offering and rendring to him all the good Offices which shall lie in your way.

The whole Government of Your own Person, We leave intirely to your own Discretion, observing to you only this Caution, that, with all possible care, you Disguise and Cover from all the World your Employment, and so pass up and down, as lead by your own Curiosity to the making of this Journey, and accordingly make your addresses to the Bishop; in which, upon Conference with the Baron of *Wreden*, you will be best directed.

SIR,

*This out of Cypher.**Hampton-Court, July 21. 65.*

S I R,

I AM at once to acknowledge Two of yours, of the $\frac{11}{21}$. from *Brussels*, and the $\frac{14}{24}$. from *Antwerp*; both which I have communicated to his Majesty, and read them this Morning at our meeting appointed for them. In one word, The Account you give of all committed to your Care is entirely approved of, and I foresee, by this your beginning, your Friends will have little to answer for, in your behalf, at the end of your Negotiation, if you continue as you begin. With this Letter of yours, I send one to Alderman *Backwell* in his Majesties Name, to do his utmost in making good the Second Payment within the time you desire. And for fear that should not be sufficient, my Lord Treasurer hath signed a Letter, written in my Lord Chancellors hand, and added another from Mr. Vice Chamberlain, all with one Voice conjuring him not to fail you at the Day desired. But when you shall see him accept of these Orders, and go vigorously to work to put them in Execution, I make no doubt but you will have Credit enough with his Highness the Bishop not to find fault with the failure of a day or two. In fine, all is done, that possible could be, to satisfy your desire of seeing the Second Payment made before any thing is attempted:
And

And we hope you will accordingly stir up your activity on that side, that something may be presently attempted. His Majesty is not a little troubled to understand the Coldness of the Marquis of *Brandenburg*, and Duke of *Newburgh*; out of which it is very possible they will come to us when they see something probably begun. In the mean time you must forbear all applications to them, or any body else, but such as his Highness the Bishop approves; taking for granted *France* will use their utmost credit in disturbing this business. I am with all truth and affection,

S I R,

Your most Humble Servant,

Arlington.

Hampton Court, 28. July, 65.

S I R,

Since I wrote to you of this Day Seven-night, I have received nothing from you, that is, since your Letter from *Brussels*; but do not wonder at it, because I conclude you have been in motion ever since. What I have to say to you is, That Alderman *Backwell* is long ago arrived at *Bruges*; expecting your return thither. Three days ago the *French Ambassadors*

*Out of
Cypher.*

bassadors came to his Majesty, and told him their Master heard the Bishop of *Munster* was preparing to attack the *Hollanders* by Land; and that, if he did it, he would send Twenty Thousand Men into his Country to molest him. His Majesty entered into Discourse with them upon the Provocations the Bishop had received from the *Hollander*, but said nothing that should make them believe He had any thing to do with the Bishop. They added to their Threats, That they should have leave to pass their Men through *Flanders*, which made his Majesty bethink himself; and write to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, desiring him not to give way to the passing the Troops; assuring him he would stand by him in his refusal, with the power of all his Kingdoms. Wherever this Letter finds you, acquaint the Bishop with this Story, and make it as valuable to him as possible you can; That he may see to what degree his Majesty owns his Quarrels, and what Support he may expect from Him, even beyond his Money. Our Fleet is now grown to above Eighty, in one Body under my Lord *Sandwich*, besides the scatter'd Ships we have abroad; so that we desire nothing more than to come to a Second Engagement. Which is all the News we have worth your knowledge,

I am, &c.

SIR,

Sarum, August 6. 65.

SIR,

MY last to you was upon our removal from Hampton-Court. Since when we have been at Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight, and found the Queen here, at our return: The Duke likewise being gone Northward, to make the Court thinner, and to secure the quiet of those parts. Some days since I received Yours of the Fourth, your style. I hope by this time, you have received satisfaction as to the second Payment. Your Friends here, knowing your necessity, have stretched to their utmost for you; so that I long to hear to what degree you are satisfied. Our Fleet is gone so far Northward; that we have not heard a long time from it; but, if the Weather had been favourable, we had all the reason in the World to hope favourably of the success. I am, &c.

Sarum, August 24. 65.

SIR,

I Have received some of Yours since I wrote last to you; but having little to say to you upon them, more than the acknowledging them, I refer'd to Mr. Godolphin to send therewith to you all our ordinary News.

The only extraordinary, which we have of late had, was our repulse at Bergen, of which you will
C know

know all the circumstances, before this can arrive, except one, which you must keep secret. And that is, *We had never en-*
This out of Cypher. *gag'd in so difficult an enterprize, but up-*
of Cypher. *on assurance from the Court of Den-*
mark, that they would favour us in them, much other-
wise than they have done. What we impute to them
for failing therein, till we hear them speak themselves,
we cannot tell.

Your last Letter to me mentioned your conference with the Marquis Castel Rodrigo; which his Majesty approves of, and hath dispatched away my Lord Carlingford to the Emperor's Court. (For whose Name in the Cypher let (132) stand.) He is first to see the Marquis, but not till he hath spoke with you, to instruct him what he should say. From whence he is to go to the Bishop of Munster. So that you must open yourself entirely to him in all that affair, and accordingly he will shew you his Instructions, and be directed by you in all things. He parted from hence on Tuesday the Twenty Second, but his dispatches are not yet ready, they will overtake him at the Sea side.

Our Fleet is putting to Sea again immediately, stronger much than it was before, and we hope time enough to meet the *Holland Fleet*, before they get in again, convoying the Merchants from *Bergen*.

By that time this arrives, I hope
This out our Tinn will be going to Ostend, and
of Cypher. *that you have gotten leave of the Mar-*
quis to admit it there, and will thereup-
on quicken Alderman Backwell in the progress of his
Payments.

We do what we can to divert France from molesting the Bishop: and accordingly have lately humour'd
 them

them in offering something towards a Treaty with Holland; which we hear takes reasonably well with them; notwithstanding which we cannot be confident of them in the end, such is their Partiality to Holland: But if at the worst, it will gain the Bishop some time, we have a great part of our end. We long to hear he hath begun. I am, &c.

Sarum, August 26. 65.

SIR,

Since Mine to you, two days since, I have received Yours of the 18th, and, tho all out of Cypher, yet very intelligibly; giving us an account of all we could expect from you. One thing only, which you write to us, I will help you to understand. In the Condition *Spain* is in, and especially towards *France*, you must not wonder the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* openly discountenanceth any thing that goes against the Grain of that Crown; at which Price they are fain to buy their present Quiet.

This will be delivered to you by my Lord *Carlingford*, whom his Majesty sendeth to the Emperour's Court, with many other Commissions; all which you will understand by the sight of his Instructions; which, giving him this Letter to read, he will shew you: As also relate to you what care is taken here to enable Alderman *Backwell* to go on with his Payments, and what success the Effects sent to him have had in the Ports of *Ostend*.

I have nothing to add to this, but to Conjure you to fall to work with my Lord *Carlingford* with all Candour and Openness; taking each of you the shares belonging to you. You know his Lordship enough, and the Trust his Majesty hath ever put in him, to direct you how to live towards him. I am, &c.

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FOR THE

Earl of Carlingford,

*Going Extraordinary Envoy to the Em-
perour.*

Aug. 1665.

BEfore you depart from hence, You shall instruct your self intirely in the *Treaty* we have made with the Bishop of *Munster*, and in your way to the Emperour, in all the Princes Courts you are to pass through, as well as in that of the Emperour, support and do all good Offices to the said Bishop, by your Discourse, and otherwise with all the Dexterity and Skill you have, for the Promotion and Improvement of his Undertakings against the *Hollanders*. According to which, taking your way by *Brussels*, You shall deliver our Letter to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, and after your Compliments upon the esteem we have of his Person, the satisfaction in his Government of those Countries, and the fair way we are in of making a stricter Union and Alliance with the Court of *Spain*; towards which we assure our selves of all possible Concurrency on his part. You shall express to him how, That encouraged much thereunto by a Letter,

from him, the Marquis, to our Dear Cousin Prince *Rupert*, brought by *Monsieur Glexin* the last Winter, We had entred into a *Treaty* with the Bishop of *Munster*, and sent him a considerable Sum of Money to enable him to Invade the *Hollanders* by Land, whilst we are Fighting them at Sea; and consequently that we promise our selves all good Offices and support to the said Bishop, as far as it will consist with His Instructions from *Madrid*; and the temper of the Affairs of *Spain* in those parts; particularly, That he suffer the Duke of *Bourneville* to go and serve the Bishop in his Military Expeditions according to the Promises made him. You shall let him know that we have received his Letters and Compliments by *Don Bernardo de Salinas*, esteeming them, as we ought to do, and hoping that the Orders coming favourably from *Madrid*, upon the Proposition we made him of opposing the *French* Troops passing through those Counties to molest the Bishop of *Munster*, He will execute them with all advantage to the said Bishop and his Designs; since the King his Master's Service is not less concern'd therein than ours. Their design therein being rather to take Advantages upon *Flanders*, than to help the *Hollander*, or annoy the Bishop; and that Time will certainly shew it, if he lets them into those Countries.

But, before you seek this Audience with the Marquis, You shall enquire there, and on the way, whether *Mr. Temple*, Our Envoy to the Bishop, be in those parts; and, if so, Instruct your self more particularly from him, what, and how far it will be fit for you to open your self to the Marquis; *Mr. Temple* being prepared to discourse freely with you in all Things relating to the Undertaking of the
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Bishop, who will also be able to tell you what progress there is made in the Bishop's Second Payments. Which you are to encourage Alderman *Backwell* in making good, with all speed, (whom you will also find in those parts) with all possible warmth and earnestness; assuring him of the Care we take here to secure and indemnify him therein. And that, if it shall so happen that a Quantity of Tinn, which we are sending over to the said Alderman *Backwell*, arrive at *Ostend*, you shall, in your way, press the Governour *Don Pedro Savally* to suffer it to be landed, and deposited in some secure place, (if it be not done before your arrival) preparing him not to apprehend any Infection can be communicated by such a commodity, tho brought from *London*, the Mariners and Merchant, accompanying it, not entering into, or visiting those of the Town of *Ostend*. In which you must also use the Credit and Recommendation of the *Spanish* Ambassadour here to the said Governour, which he hath already sent, and also hopes he hath received Orders to that effect from the Marquis.

After, having performed this, and all, as is above-said, to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, you shall go strait from thence to the Bishop, Prince of *Munster*, And, delivering to him your Letter of Credence, after having spoke with Mr. *Temple*, and directed your self also by him, in what manner you shall speak to the said Bishop, enter, and discourse with him upon this whole Undertaking; assuring him of our Punctuality in the performance of all that is Stipulated betwixt us. And that, tho the Contagion, unhappily falling into *London*, may have a little retarded our Payments; yet that they shall be exactly made good to him: Letting him

know in what state you left them, as you passed through *Flanders*; Informing your self likewise from him what Progress he hath made in his Levies and Undertakings against *Holland*: pressing him not to lose the advantage of this Season, for fear the foul weather come too fast upon him: Discouraging farther to him upon the strength of our Naval Force, and inward Constitution of our Affairs here at Home, happy in all other Circumstances but this one of the Contagion, which God divert from us.

With this You shall open to the Bishop how we have sent you to the Emperour's Court, by the *Spanish* Ambassador's advice here, not only to perform our Compliments there, but more especially to do all good Offices to, and support him in his Undertakings against the *Hollander*. To which purpose you shall ask his Advice, Recommendations and Instructions, to guide your self better thereby, as well with relation to the Emperour's Court, as that of any other Princes through whose Territories you are to pass, or of whose Assistance and Concurrence he shall have need in his present Enterprize. And more particularly you shall enquire of him, whether, for our personal Friendship with him, and the Acquaintance you have with him, it will not be fit for You to go strait to the Duke of *Newburgh*, to endeavour to engage him to concur in the Undertaking. And accordingly, delivering your Credentials, framing your Discourse to the said Duke as the Bishop shall direct you: We supposing your Application to him will be of more Efficacy than Mr. *Temple's*, who yet hath a dormant Credential for him. Not omitting to awaken him to a conjunction with the Bishop, by all fitting Reflections

lections and Considerations not only upon his own Interest, but the personal Friendship and Esteem we have a long time retained, and yet have for him, of which he cannot give Us a more seasonable Evidence, than by concurring in what we propose to him upon this conjuncture of affairs.

But if, by the Bishop's advice, it shall not be thought fit for you to open your self thus far with him, at least you shall endeavour to prevail with him to keep himself Neutral, and not mention any thing of a *Treaty* with the Bishop, or Money sent to him, only that sending you with Compliments to the Emperour's Court, We had enjoyned you to wait upon the Bishop, taking him to be our Friend, that is an Enemy to the States, and, under that notion, hoping that at least he will do nothing to molest him in an undertaking that cannot but be profitable to Us. But if, on the other side, you shall find him tractable, towards a Conjunction with the Bishop, then you shall assure him of, and offer him all possible advantages therein, according as the Bishop will direct you, with a promise on Our part never to make a Peace with *Holland*, but acquainting him therewith, and including all his Interests, and indemnifying him as much, as in Us lies, towards all other Princes; especially *France*, by whom, we hope, he will not be wrought upon to molest the Bishop, or diverted from making use of so happy a conjuncture to assert the Interests of the Princes of the *Rhine*, and rendring his own Territories considerable by obliging the *Hollanders* to live like good Neighbours towards him and them. But before you make your self known in his Court, you shall do well to have him sounded, by some Confident of his, your Acquaintance, to know whether he will

will be content to see you publickly in your way to the Emperour's Court, without opening your self any farther towards that acquaintance.

In the like manner You shall advise with the Bishop, concerning your going to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*. To whom also you carry a Letter of Credence. And, after all fitting Compliments, representing to him the value and esteem we have always had for his Person, endeavour to engage him likewise in a conjunction with the Bishop by all those Arguments, which will occur to You, or He will furnish you with. Representing to him more especially this opportunity he now hath, of delivering himself and his places from the Usurpations and Injustices of the *Hollanders*, and obliging us seasonably, according to all his former professions of Friendship. But, because your going to this Elector may put you too much out of your way, and delay too much your going to the Emperour's Court, You shall advise with his Highness, the Bishop, whether it will not be properer to have this Embassy perform'd by Mr. *Temple*, who hath a dormant Credential, and Instruction, to this effect, to his Electoral Highness.

Likewise You shall advise with his Highness, the Bishop concerning your going in the like manner to the Elector of *Mentz*, which, it is supposed, will not be much out of your way to the Emperour. To whom, having delivered our Letters of Credence, and complimented him upon the particular Esteem and Friendship we have always had for his Electoral Highness, You shall let him know that, sending you to *Vienna*, and having taken the Bishop of *Munster* in your way, you were commanded expressly to wait on him, to give him an account of all Our
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Transactions with the Bishop; for whose performances We depend much upon his Friendship, both to Our self, and the Bishop, having been principally encourag'd to enter into this Undertaking, by the Countenance, we were assured, he would give to it, not only by Monsieur *Glexin*, but by the Baron of *Wreden*, who assured Us he was privy to all his Master's, the Bishop's, Proposals to Us. And that He, the Elector, would second and support them to the utmost of his Power, not only with the Emperour, but with all the other Neighbouring Princes. Accordingly that we conjured him by all the ways possible to further, and encourage the Bishop's undertaking something presently, before the Season of the Year prevents it, assuring him that all, promised on our part to the Bishop, shall be exactly made good. And, opening your self to all particulars with him, You shall endeavour to learn, how far the Neighbour Princes, especially those to whom you have Credentials, may be depended on; desiring him to instruct you how you shall apply your self to them, and more especially how to govern your self in the Emperour's Court, and how far to speak of this undertaking of the Bishop's, and by what Minister, the receiving from him such Credentials, and Instructions of all kinds, as he shall be pleased to give you.

After having perform'd this, and visited such other Princes in your way, to whom you shall have Letters of Credence, and perform'd towards them Our Compliments, and what the Elector of *Mentz*, and Bishop of *Munster* shall have instructed you in, You shall make all possible haste to the Emperour's Court; where, obtaining your Audience in the accustomed publick form used there, You shall deliver
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Our Letters of Credence; thanking him for the several expressions of his Friendship and Kindness since our happy Restauration: Congratulating his Marriage with the *Infanta* of *Spain*; and Peace with the Ottoman Emperour: as likewise condoling the Death of the Archduke of *Insprugh*. In fine, desiring, to the degree we do, the Prosperity and Happiness of the Illustrious House of *Austria*, That we cannot but entirely concern our self, in all the Good and Bad that may befall it; hoping that the strict Union and Alliance, we are now making with *Spain*, will dispose his Imperial Majesty to the same concernment for Us, and the good of Our Affairs. At this first Audience, or any other that shall be more conveniently afforded you, You shall offer the exposing to him a State of our Affairs, in relation to all Our Neighbours; and more especially our Quarrels now with the States of the United Provinces: remarking to him more especially the opportunity now offering it self of reducing them to a condition of living well towards all their Neighbours, and respectively towards his Imperial Majesty, which we know they have been hitherto much failing in, and much to his dissatisfaction; tho for more publick reasons he hath hitherto been contented to dissemble it. And farther open your self, with relation to the Bishop of *Munster*, and his undertakings, according as the Bishop and the Elector of *Mentz* shall have instructed you. But, because all this discourse may be a matter of more length than he will give you occasion to expose, You shall offer his Imperial Majesty the delivery of it to any of his Ministers he shall please to appoint you, marking out such a one, if you think he will approve it, as the said Bishop, or said Elector shall
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more particularly have recommended you to. And to him recommending, with our exprefs Compliments, the Execution, and Performance of all those things, which you shall be instructed to demand in that Court. Of all which Transactions, and the precedent ones towards the Princes above-mentioned, You shall give Us a particular account from the time of your first Landing in *Flanders*, with all Occurrences, worthy of Our Knowledge, by the hands of one of Our Secretaries of State, and make no longer stay in the Emperour's Court, than you shall judge requisite to our Service in the performance of those things, wherewith you are trusted and instructed, reserving to your self such a latitude for your stay, as, upon representation to Us of your Business, We shall hereafter authorize you in.

In this Court You shall perform all fitting Compliments to all Foreign Ministers residing there; especially those from Princes best affected to Us, and most concern'd for the good of Our Affairs.

September 23. 65.

S I R,

MY last from you was of the 12. with no News in it, or History, but of your own Melancholy; which I was very sorry to hear. I wonder you would imagine my Lord *Carlingford's* Credentials are any diminution to yours: It was fit his Majesty should send a Person of that Rank to the Emperour; and doing so, could he excuse the seeing all Princes in his way, from whom we could fairly promise our selves any Good Will? And yet, when he shall come to the Fountain of his Direction, I am perswaded it will be thought neither Practical nor Counsellable for him to see them all; so that some of them would still lie in your repartition, tho the attendance upon the Money business there is so important, and essential a point, that it cannot be thought fit for you to abandon it, till it is in better order. For being so discompos'd by the Plague at *London*, and the Accident at *Ostend*, it will cost some time to redress it; in which, as I promise you all possible Care and Application shall be used on my side, so I hope you, in the mean time, make all the excuses you can for the delay, and disappointments, occasioned by pure misfortune, and, if we may say so, no fault on our side.

His Majesty on *Monday* removes to *Oxford*, and there I shall move the establishing you at *Brussels* in the manner you desire; and I am perswaded it would be of infinite use that you be so for his Majesties Service. Likewise there shall be care taken to furnish you with present Money, and let me beg
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of you in one word to believe, that neither your Person, nor Services are undervalued by any Body; and that a greater mortification could not befall me than, loving you and esteeming you as I do, to see you either neglected, or forgotten.

My Lord *Sandwich* hath reasonably well furnished you by his good Successes, of which the News Books will tell you the particulars: And, tho' the foul weather disappointed him of the possibility of Fighting with the *Dutch* Fleet of War, yet the Booty he hath made upon that, and the Merchants Fleet also is equivalent to the success of a good Battle. And when the *Hollanders* shall make up their accompts of this years Losses, and Expences, I believe they will not go with any heart to the undertaking of another.

We hear the Bishop of *Munster* hath sent a Trumpet, and a Letter of Defiance to the States. I suppose he would not make that step, without being ready to strike as soon as he shews his Teeth, if he be so, we shall hear a brave noise in *Holland*.

Sir *George Downing* is with us here, and on Monday the Court removes to *Oxford*. I am, &c.

Oxford, September 28. 65.

SIR,

TWO Days ago I had a long one from you, of *September* the Twenty Fifth, mingled with Mirth and Melancholy; but, having pleased Mr. Alderman *Backwell*, I suppose your discontent will not

not last long; which I hope I have done in my enclosed Letter, and you will see it to both your satisfactions.

Just in this instant, since the writing it, I have received a fresher of yours, of *October* the Second. Wherein you tell us the progress the Bishop of *Munster* hath made, according to the first relation of his March. Whether the particulars be true or no, it is not much material, it is enough he is upon the Wing.

From *France* they say, Troops are marching against him. And *Flanders*, besides the Orders they had from *Spain*, reflecting upon the present Conjunction, made so formidable to them by their King's Death; will, we imagine, oppose them. If this be, there is an end of their Peace, and we are not much the worse for it; if it becomes Christians to say so.

I have received my Lord *Carlingford's* long Letter at his departure from *Brussels*, and read it to his Majesty with much content. I pray assure him so much, and by that introduce my pardon for not writing now to him.

I am just putting my Foot into the Coach to go into the Country for Four Days, at my return you shall have a long Volume from me, and a positive Answer to your Proposition about residing at *Brussels*, I am &c.

SIR,

Oxford, October 8. 65.

SIR,

I Am to acknowledge Yours of the Twenty Fifth past to me, of the Twenty Ninth to Mr. *Godolphin*, and of the Ninth curreant. In all of them the News you had collected there of the Bishop of *Munster*, and his Progress in the Enemies Country, the continuance of which will be most welcome to us; therefore I pray fail not every Post day to send us all that comes to your Knowledge, and the grounds you have for entertaining it. We have no News to send you from hence, but the meeting of the Parliament on *Monday* here, and the arrival this Night of my Lord *Sandwich*, called hither by his Majesty, to be thanked for his good Services, and to give an account of the condition in which he left the Fleet.

From *France* they still continue saying, They will send Troops against the Bishop of *Munster*: And tho they are of the best Quality they have, they are not said to be of such a number, as can force their passage, if it be denied them.

The *Spanish* Ambassador delivered this night privately to his Majesty his New Credentials, but appears not yet in Mourning: his Credentials being come we shall quickly fall to work with him.

His Majesty commanded me to signify his Pleasure to you, to establish you his Resident at *Brussels*: According to which I shall prepare your Credentials with all possible speed, and agree with my Lord Treasurer for your Allowance, and immedi-

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ately to send you a summ of present Money to make your Equipage. Towards which it were good you appointed some Body here to look after these your concerns; in the mean time they shall be in Mr. *Godolphin's* care.

I am, &c.

October 26. 65.

S I R,

I Have received Yours of the Twenty Seventh, with the enclosed Latin Letter from the Prince of *Munster*, full of excellent and pertinent Advices to his Majesty; which is so esteemed of by him. And as far as it is in his Power he will direct himself by them, not despairing of effecting a great part of them. And as you observe very well, the Letter shews plainly the sufficiency, and ability of the Writer; which, together with what he has done, is a good Evidence and Security to us in our future Hopes of him.

From hence you may assure him there is all possible Care and Industry used to have his Payments complied with, a good quantity thereof lay Embarked some days in the *Downs*, till by the arrival of the *Holland* Fleet there, we were forced to put it on shoar again, to be re-imbark'd as soon as there is a likelihood of passing it securely; and for all this you may answer confidently, as likewise of his Majesty's desire to do more if his Affairs will permit it.

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Herewith you receive his Majesty's Credentials for you to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*; which gives you possession of your Residency with him. It ought to be accompanied with New Instructions to you, but, I not having time to digest them this day, I must defer them till my next; against which time I hope we shall have some other matters riper for your Knowledge than they are now.

I will not return you Compliments in proportion to the length and warmth of Yours, lest they should troublefomely multiply on both sides, contenting my self only with assuring you that,

I am, &c.

*The Bishop of Munster's Letter, to
Mr. Temple.*

From Meppen, 15. Octob. 1665.

Translated out of Latin.

SIR,

YOUR Letter, dated at *Bruxels* the 24th. of the last Month, came the other day safe to my hands in the Enemies Country, and was the more welcome to me, since it abundantly assured me of the continuance of your sincere Affection, of which, tho I did not at all doubt, yet I receive no small Encouragement in the assurance it brings of those supplies of Money for the future; the want whereof hath been very disadvantageous to me, and also

your Congratulation for the auspicious Beginning of our Attempts.

It is now Three Weeks since I have successfully marched in the Enemies Countrey, where I have taken many Places of sufficient strength: As my Fort of *Borculoë*, the Town of *Loebem*. As a proof whereof I shall send the Original Letters by my Lord the Earl of *Carlingford*.

The *Hollanders* boast much of the Loss of those Ships, laden only with Tinn, which miscarried coming into *Ostend*; but of their own greater Losses they whisper with discontent.

The Intercepting of the Enemies Pacquets gave us a great satisfaction, by giving us a prospect into their Councils, and discovering the designs they have with the *French*, to dally with the *Spaniard* by fair pretences, and fall upon Us with all their Strength.

The *French* promise the *Hollanders* 6000. of their choicest Foot, and Horse, besides many Volunteers, and offer great supplies of Money, for the raising an Army of 12000. Men. They desire leave to march through *Flanders*, only to try the *Spaniards*.

2. They endeavour to draw to their side the Protestant Princes of *Germany*, under pretext of Religion, as if We intended them some Injury, and carried on a secret Design with the House of *Austria*. To this purpose they employ the Count *Waldeck*, an experienced cunning Man, who, aiming at the Dominion of *Holland*, and being big with hopes that he is now growing into a New Prince of *Orange*, relies on the Assistance of those who are Enemies to that House.

He hath been hitherto tampering in vain with the Duke of *Brandenburgh*, but hath gained something

thing of the Two Brothers, the Dukes of *Brunswick* and *Lunenburgh*, *George William* and *Ernestus Augustus*, by the shew of some private Advantage, with whom he is yet in Treaty, and is come to no certain Agreement. But yet he is with his utmost endeavours raising some Regiments with Money from *Holland*, and threatens to invade my Country on the other side.

3. They offer the Kings of *Sweden*, *Denmark*, and the Elector of *Brandenburgh* satisfaction, and are upon Terms with the *Switzers* for some Thousands of Foot. These Designs, being foreseen, ought to be more carefully prevented, and defeated by contrary Endeavours. Be pleased therefore, with all possible speed, to give an Account of these things to the King's Majesty.

As to the First, It will be necessary to win over and encourage the *Spaniards* against the *French*; and, the King of *Spain* being dead, mediate a Peace with *Portugal*, to seize the *French* Ships, and denounce War against them, unless they will withdraw their Supplies from the *Hollanders*, as well the secret, as those they openly avow: To give me the like Supplies, and to ask leave for the passage of 18000. *English* to me through *Flanders*, and above all to hasten the Money.

2dly. To draw off from the *Dutch*, and fix the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, assuring him that I have no design against the Liberty of Religion and Conscience. To gain over in like manner the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, and other *German* Princes, to disturb Count *Waldeck's* Counsels, and animate the Prince of *Orange's* Party against him.

To take off the Princes of *Lunenburgh* by the means of Prince *Rupert*, whose Sister *Ernestus Au-*

gustus married, or by any other interposition of his Majesty's Royal Authority.

3dly. To divert the Kings of *Sweden* and *Denmark* by convenient Overtures, engaging them to admit no satisfaction from the *Dutch* in this time of their Streights and Necessity; which they will be ready to violate upon fair occasion. But that they would right themselves by open Hostility. Likewise to dehort the *Switz* from any Agreement.

Which if the King will do on his part, I shall not despond, but continue to undergo all Labour and Difficulties which may tend to his Advantage and Glory.

This day I expect the Earl of *Carlingford*, with whom I will conferr more at large, recommending very earnestly all these things to your Care, and particularly the business of Money; the want of which presseth me extreamly, and I desire there may not a Moment of Time be lost therein; so committing you to the Divine Protection, I rest,

Yours most affectionately,

Christopher Bernard.

SIR,

November, 2. 65.

SIR,

THIS acknowledgeth Yours of the Third, *New Stile*, with one enclosed from my Lord *Carlingford* to you: which is all the News we have had of him since his leaving the Duke of *Newburgh's* Court. I expected from him an account of what he had transacted with the Bishop of *Munster*, or what directions he had given in the Progress of his Journey. I suppose, in pursuance of them, he is gone to the Dukes of *Lunenburgh* to divert them from assisting the *Hollander*. And therefore I have enclosed in his Pacquet Two of his Majesty's Letters for those Dukes: one in Answer to the Duke *George William*, who gave his Majesty an account of his Agreement with his Brother. And if my Lord *Carlingford* can divert those Brothers from assisting the *Hollanders*, and perswade them to give their Troops to the Bishop, he will do a good Service.

His Majesty is likewise dispatching an Envoy to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, to attend that Prince in all his motions this year, and to see whether he can divert him also from joyning with the *Hollanders*.

The *French* Ambassadors have put in a new Paper of Propositions towards an Agreement, but in no wise satisfactory; so that his Majesty concludes the *French* King an incompetent Arbiter. I hope the Money, long ago provided for Mr. Alderman *Backwell*, is by this time safely arrived: And his Majesty hath ordered that, with all possible speed, a quantity of Tinn be sent. *I am, &c.*

November, 9. 65.

S I R,

SINCE my last I have received Two of Yours of the Sixth, and one of the Tenth, all full of good News of the Bishop's Successes. We would fain believe among them that of taking *Burtaigne*. But the Baron of *Wreden* gives us no encouragement in it, tho Colonel *Cusach*, lately sent hither by the Bishop, and my Lord *Carlingford* speak more comfortably therein.

Our next Care is to hear, how the *French* Troops bestir themselves. The general opinion is, They will, by way of Diversion, fall into the Bishop's Countrey, in hopes to draw him home again. But the Colonel assures us it will not have that effect, because the Bishop, foreseeing it, hath caused all his Provisions, Cattle, and whatsoever else could be a Prey to the Enemy, to pass the River, where they will be very unwilling to follow them.

In the mean time, we are making all the dispatch we can in compleating his Payments, and Alderman *Backwell* hath leave to come over.

I have not had time to compose your Instructions, but I hope the want of them will not hinder you from taking your First, and following Audiences of the Marquis.

I am, &c.

S I R,

November, 25. 65.

S I R,

I Have received Yours of the Twentieth, giving me a very perfect and satisfactory Account of your first formal Audience with the Marquis of *Castel Rodrigo*. Which assures me in the belief I had, that your own good Talent would sufficiently furnish you therein, without the help of my Instructions; tho they have been hitherto delayed upon the unreadiness of your Servant, whom Mr. *Godolphin* is dispatching towards you, and from whom you will know the occasion of his delay.

In the mean time you may assure his Excellency that all possible expedition is made on our parts towards a Final Agreement with *Spain*. And the necessity we have of it in our Affairs, ought sufficiently to convince him therein. As soon as the Final Resolutions are taken, and the Persons dispatched that are to transact them, you shall know them with all particulars, that you may accordingly support them with the Marquis; who will certainly have a great hand in the direction, and conclusions upon them on the part of *Spain*.

We have put in hand a more effective way than that of the *Tinn*, not only for the satisfaction of all present Payments, due to the Bishop of *Munster*, but likewise of the future ones that shall become so. And the Bills will be consigned to you, to give the Bishop's Agent satisfaction upon them; which we know you will acquit your self very well of, notwithstanding your declared distrust of your Ability in such matters. *I am, &c.*

S I R,

December, 7. 65.

S I R,

I Have together Yours of *November, 28, 29.* and *December, 4.* To which I will say no more than that we long very much to hear the Bishop of *Munster* hath assured his Winter Quarters. His remaining Payments here are put into such a Method, that they cannot well fail him; which, in Alderman *Backwell's* absence, must be remitted to You, whether you like it, or not: since we have no other hand there to trouble with them.

My Lord General hath been lately here, and accepted of the Command of the Fleet, the next year, whilst my Lord *Sandwich* goes extraordinary Ambassador into *Spain*. Upon whose final dispatch you shall be fully instructed in all things, that may enable you to discourse, upon occasion, with the Marquis. And I have been perswaded to let Mr. *Godolphin* accompany him, as Secretary of the Embassy; so you will have a good and punctual Correspondent in that Court.

Enclosed you receive a Letter to Sir *Walter Vane*; which I pray transmit to him with all speed. Since his departure, we have many new Arguments to continue us in the jealousy, we had before, of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*.

I am, &c.

S I R,

Oxon, December, 14. 65.

S I R,

Since my last I have received Two of Yours by the ordinary Post, and one by Alderman *Backwell*, who is return'd hither. In the former, all the News you had of the Bishop of *Munster*; which is mended by a fresher Letter from *Antwerp*.

The *Dutch* Ambassadour is arrived. And, I promise a Copy of the Answer made to the Letter given the King by him, by the next. And you shall likewise have a Copy of the Baron of *Wreden's* Memorial, and Answer.

Since my last, Mr. *Loving* arrived here from my Lord *Carlingford*; who brought me Letters from you. We are dispatching him back again with all possible speed; by whom I will write more largely to you, as well with relation to my Lord *Sandwich's* Journey to *Madrid*, as Mr. *Southwell's* to *Portugal*.

I see you have had your formal Audience; by which you are qualified to wait often upon the Marquis: and the more frequently you do it, the better. Within a few days we shall furnish you better for those Visits than we have yet done. The *Spanish* Ambassadour hath writ to his Excellency to consent to the going away of the Duke of *Bonneville*; which you must likewise.

I am, &c.

*The Memorial of
the Prince of
Munster's En-
voy.*

THE Envoy of his Highness the Prince of *Munster* in all Humble Manner represents to His Majesty of *Great Britain*, That his Master has given him Orders to acquaint His Majesty, That, being attacked at present by all the Forces of the *Estates of the United Provinces*, re-inforced by supplies from *France* of one side, and by the Troops of the Duke of *Lunenburgh*, consisting of 12000. Men; on the other; and not finding himself capable to oppose so many powerful Enemies, that at once do fall upon him, upon account of the Alliance he has made with *Eng-*

*Memorial del En-
voy du Prince
de Munster.*

À Roy de la Grande Bretagne represente très-humblement l'Envoy de son-altesse le Prince de *Munster*; que son Maître luy a donné ordre de remonstrer a sa Majesté qu' étant attaqué, a present, par toutes les forces des *Estats de Provinces Unies*, renforcés par les secours de *France*, d'un côté, & par les troupes du Duc de *Lunenburgh*, consistans en 12000. hommes, de l'autre, & ne se trouvant pas capable de resister, en-même temps, à tant de puissants ennemis, qui s'en viennent fondre sur luy, a raison de l'alliance qui à fait avec l'Angleterre, Il veint deman-

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land, he does demand of His Majesty a speedy Assistance, which was promised him by the Article of Guaranty in the Treaty, without which he will be constrained, in the end, notwithstanding all his endeavours, to bend under this heavy burthen; and as he finds the designs of transporting *English* Troops to be very difficult and uncertain, and not at all agreeable with his present Necessities, he finds the only way to ease him is, if His Majesty pleases, to double the Sum promised in *September, October*, and the other following Months, which is but Fifty Thousand Rix Dollars per Month; upon all which the said Envoy expects a speedy and favourable Answer.

Moreover he declares to His Majesty by the same Orders of his Master, That the Electors of *Brandenburgh* and *Cologne* having offered themselves to mediate the dif-

der a sa Majesté une prompte assistance, la quelle luy a été promis par l'article de la Garantie, dans le traité, sans la quelle il sera contraint, à la fin, malgré tout ses efforts de plier sous un si pesant fardeau. Et comme il trouve les desseins projetés pour le transport de quelques troupes Angloises fort difficiles, & d'une issue fort incertain, & au contraire ses necessites fort pressantes, il trouve que c'est uniq; moyen de le soulager, s'il plaisoit a vôtre Majesté, de doubler la somme de l'argent promis dans le moy du Septem. Octobre & les autres suivants qui n'est, que de cinquante mille Rix dollars par mois; sur quoy le dit Envoy attend une prompte & favourable réponse.

Il declare encore a sa Majesté, par les mêmes Ordres de son Maître, que Messieurs, les Electeurs de Brandenburgh, & Cologne s'étans offerts pour la Mediation sur les diffé-

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ferences between him and the Estates of the *United Provinces*, as also not long since the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, to wit, That of *Wolfenbottle* and *Hannover* have done by an exprefs Envoy, he hath excused himself very Civilly, alledging the Alliance by which he was engaged to *England*, and without which it was not in his power to Treat. But, as at present, he daily expects an Envoy, named *Baron de Goes*, from the Emperour, who will make the same Propositions on the part of his Master, he most humbly desires to know His Majesty's Pleasure upon this, what He thinks will be the most convenient Answer to make to his Imperial Majesty.

rences, entre luy & les Estats des Provinces Unies, comme aussy, depuis peu de jours, le Duc de Lunenburgh, a scavoir, celuy de Wolfenbottle, & Hannover, en fait par un Envoy exprés. Ils'en à excusé fort civilement, alleguant l'alliance, par laquelle il étoit engagé à l'Angleterre, & sans laquelle il n'étoit pas en son pouvoir de traiter. Mais comme a present il attend d'un jour a l'autre un Envoy de l'Empereur nommé Baron de Goes, qui lui fera les mêmes propositions de la part de son Maître, il prie tres humblement sa Majesté de luy faire scavoir sa volonté sur ce, quelle croira d'être le plus a propos qu'il responde à sa Majesté Imperiale.

His Majesty's Answer to the Prince of Munster's Envoy's Memorial.

The King having seen Baron Wreden's Memorial, Envoy from the Prince of Munster, hath commanded the following Answer.

HIS Majesty having an equal Love and Value for the Qualifications of that Prince, does consider the present condition of his Affairs with all the Concern and Trouble imaginable. And, seeing his Army surrounded with such numbers of Enemies on all hands, is very ready to send him a supply both of Horse and Foot, if his High-

La Réponse de sa Majesté a la Memorial d'el Envoye du Prince de Munster.

Le Roy ayant veue le memoire du Sieur Baron de *Wreden*, Envoyé de Monsieur le Prince de *Munster*, a commandé la Réponse qui s'en suit.

SA Majesté, aymant & estimant les Virtues du dit Prince, regarde l'estat present de ses affaires avec grande peine & inquietude d'esprit, voyant sont armée environnée de tants d'ennemis, de tout côté, & Envoyeroit fort volontiers a son secours un Corps d'Infanterie, & Cavalliere, si son altesse luy pourroit proposer aucune voye, ou possi-
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ness can propose any expedient for their Transportation and Conjunction with his own Troops. And, as the said Envoy knows very well the apprehension, which his Majesty always conceiv'd of *France* and *Lunenburgs* employing their Forces, in favour of the Estates General, against the Prince his Master; so he may remember how little he valued it at that time: And accordingly let him judge if the Guaranty whereof he makes mention in his Memorial, be applicable thereunto.

His Majesty enter'd into the *Treaty*, with that Prince with a sincere Intention to observe it in every particular according to the Literal meaning of it. And, if there has been any omission, it must be imputed to the immediate hand of God, who has been pleas'd to visit the Nation with so violent a Plague that all

bilité pour leurs transports, & conjonction avec les siens. Et, comme le dit sieur Envoyé scait l'apprehension, que sa Majesté avoit, de le commencement, du secours, que la France, & les Ducs de Lunenburg donneroient aux Estats Generaux contre le Prince son Maître, se souviendra aussy du peu decas qu'il en faisoit a lors; & juger a par là si la Garantie, dont il est fait mention dans son papier, soit applicable a cela.

Sa Majesté fist son Traité avec le Prince de Munster avec une sincere intention de l'accomplir, de son côté, à la lettre. Et, si elle y a manqué, il ne se peut attribuer qu'à la main de Dieu, qu'il, ayant traversé par la violence de la Contagion, interrompa tellement le Commerce, qu'il ne se pouvoit Change hors du Royaume,
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Commerce is interrupted, and consequently cannot procure Bills of Exchange out of his own Kingdoms, without discovering the Design; having besides lost in the Port of *Ostend* a great quantity of the Effects sent over to make good all the Payments, correspondent to the Terms. Notwithstanding which His Majesty hath given such Orders therein, that he does not doubt but in a very little time to effect every thing to the entire satisfaction of the said Prince. Promising to augment them beyond the agreement, when the Estate of his Affairs will give him leave, with all other manner of Supplies for his Support and Defence against his Enemies.

And as His Majesty hath ever refus'd all the Proposals of Peace offer'd Him exclusive of the Prince of *Munster*; so He relies upon the

sañs faire esclatter le dessein; & faisant perir, dans le Port d'Ostende, une bonne partie des effets envoyé pour l'accomplissement de tous les payments dans leur termes. Non obstant quoy, sa Majesté, y ayant donné si bon ordre presentement, ne doute pas qu'ils ne s'effectuent dans fort peu de temps, à l'entiere satisfaction du dit Prince; promettant de les augmenter au de la de la Capitulation, quand l'Estat de ses affaires le permet avec toute autre sorte de secours, pour son appuy & defence contre tous ses ennimies.

Et comme sa Majesté a tous jours rejetté les propositions, qui luy ont esté fait, de Paix à l'exclusion du Prince de Munster; ainsi elle s'assure,
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Honour of the said Prince, That he will act in the same manner by Him, in never Listning to any Proposition of that Nature without the Knowledge and Consent of His Majesty. And moreover Promiseth to have the same regard to Him and his Interest, as to his Own, when he shall have any good Overtures towards a Peace, and worthy to be communicated to the said Prince.

sur l'honneur du dit Prince, quil usera de même avec luy, en n'écoutant jamais aucune proposition de cette nature, sans la participation, & consentement de sa Majesté. Et luy promett encore d'avoir le même esgard du luy, & de ses interests comme de siens propres, quand il y aura quelque bonne Overture de Paix, & digne d'estre communiqués au dit Prince.

SIR,

Oxon, December 21. 65.

SIR,

THIS acknowledgeth Yours of the 28th. and by Mr. *Loving*; whom we are sending back to my Lord *Carlingford*: and by him you will know all our ordinary News here. Your last told me of the Fault made you in the way to your publick Audience, and the Reparation offered you; which gave you a good occasion of exercising your Wit and Judgment in the refusal of their Reparation: So that now I conclude you very well in your Stirrups there. And wish by this occasion I were ready to send you your long promised Instructions; which I cannot possibly compose, till my Lord *Sandwich's* are done; which we are at work upon, and hope to dispatch in the Holy Days. In the mean time you must work as the *Res nata*, and your own Talent will furnish you.

I shewed his Majesty the Marquis's Letter, complaining that his Catholick Majesty's Subjects had not the same Exemptions granted as *Sweden*. The Truth is, we have been so abused all the year by *Ostenders* colouring *Holland* Ships, and Goods, that we could not easily fall into the good will of exempting them. But, as an Evidence of His Majesty's gratifying *Spain*, and in this Case, I may say, more particularly the Marquis, His Majesty hath resolved, and recommended it to his Royal Highness, the sending you from time to time sufficient quantities of Passports in Blank, to be fill'd by the Marquis's recommendations. You beseeching his Excellency to warn his Officers not to impose upon

him *Hollanders*, instead of *Flandrians*; and taking Care your self in the Port of *Ostend*, to be informed aright therein; which you may do by keeping a good Correspondent there; of whom we may have need in many other occasions: And, if you so imploy him, I will be answerable to you his Pains shall be rewarded.

We have, This day, dispatched away Sir *Robert Southwell* to *Portugal*, and Sir *Richard Fanshaws*'s last Letter says, That Court allowed him to send a Gentleman there.

Herein I send you His Majesty's Answer, and the States Letter to Him, deliver'd by their Ambassador. His Majesty bids me recommend it to you, to see them both Printed, and Dispersed up and down, to obviate the malicious Intentions of *France*, that His Majesty will not hearken to any Overtures of Peace with *Holland*, but affects the dissolution of their Government; which hath occasioned much Umbrage in the Two Northern Crowns, and many of the Princes of *Germany*. If I fail you next Post by my absence in the Countrey, you will dispense with it.

I am, &c.

January, 11. 66.

SIR,

BEfore I left this Town, I prepared you not to take unkindly the interruption of my Correspondence for 15. days. And I would again ask your Pardon for it, if I did not expect your Thanks
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for having it sufficiently supplied by my Lord Chancellor, in Answer to yours of the 29th. past; which, being carried to his Lordship by my direction, and it affording matter of much Discourse to you, he tells me he answered it all in his own hand; of which he hath told me the effect. So that, if you are able to read it, which his Lordship very much doubts, I suppose you are fed by it for a great while, and will better support the slender Diet of my Correspondence.

At my return, I found yours of the 12th. mentioning Mr. *Loving's* having past by you, and your own disappointment in not receiving your Instructions by him. To excuse which, I must again repeat it to you, That I cannot send them compleat, till my Lord *Sandwich's* are dispatched; whom we are now forced to detain a little longer in expectation of seeing what Sir *Richard Fanshaw* hath done in *Spain*. Which, how well soever, as to the knitting the Knot betwixt us, will, I am perswaded, need some particular Amendments as to Trade, (in which my Lord *Sandwich* must be particularly instructed) and to the making the Union more compleat than Sir *Richard Fanshaw* could possibly do it, after so great a variation of Affairs abroad, since the composing of his Instructions.

When you have occasion for it, you may assure his Excellency, the Marquis, That if he have any need for the King's Favour in his own particular concerns, he may most confidently assure himself of it, according to the value, and esteem his Majesty hath of his own Person: And you may make good use of this to endear your self yet further to him. For, Besides what you say of it your self, the *Conde de Molina* tells us you have a great

share in his Excellency's Favour and Kindness.

Mr. *Godolphin* will tell you of the Warrant his Majesty hath signed for you, without your leave, or recommendation. And I hope your Philosophy will enable you to be content to rise by these slow steps to greater Honours, as your good Parts, and Zeal in His Majesty's Service do qualifie you to deserve them.

Here you receive Twelve Passes from his Royal Highness; which you must be careful in disposing. And beseech his Excellency to be very careful, that his Officers do not prevail with him to misapply them. For we have sufficient ground to be jealous of the *Hollanders* design to drive their Trade by Ships of their own, tho' pretended to be of *Ostend*. To prevent which suspicion of ours, it would be a very acceptable thing to his Majesty, if the Marquis would be pleased preparatorily to inform us what number of Merchants Ships there are really, and effectually trading in his Ports: That under the Colour of them, and the Protection of our Passports (since we understand many of them are Dutch-built) the *Hollanders* and *Zelanders* might not elude our great design, of molesting them in their Trade. Besides which, the *Flemish* Merchants themselves do not stick to insinuate to us, That they had rather take the Passports of us, than ask them of the Marquis; whose Officers they say will exact unreasonable Fees for them.

I pray bethink your self very well of these exceptions, and let us, with all speed, know your thoughts upon them. And, by the way, let your Servant, in whose Care you put the Passports, keep a good account of Sir *William Coventry's* Fees.

We had from other hands Copies of the Postscript of Monsieur de Lionés Letter to the Marquis des Estrades; which, I say, to confirm our belief of the Truth of it, and not to discourage you in the sending to us any such Papers, that shall come to your Hands, for fear we should fail of them other ways. The said Paper shews us *France* is very jealous of the *Hollanders* growing remiss in the War, and hearkning to Propositions of Peace with us. To entertain which, His Majesty's Letter may perhaps be of some use, as well as to assure the Princes abroad that the King's Intention, in this War, is not to destroy the Government of *Holland*, but to gain a good Peace of them. Which Opinion you cannot impress too much in all persons you converse with. And particularly assure the Marquis, that all Overtures of that Nature would be very acceptable to his Majesty; especially coming from so good a hand as his Excellencies. And the apprehension, the *French* have of this, makes them bethink themselves of what ways they shall take, of renewing their good Correspondence with us. And we are already prepared to expect many Overtures of this kind: Which we shall not care to entertain very hastily, if we continue to be assured of the Friendship of *Spain*. And this you must make your great Argument to perswade the Marquis, to fill his Dispatches, to *Madrid*, with all possible motives, that may perswade them to conclude readily with us. And, if it be possible, to incline them rather to make a Peace with *Portugal*, than a Truce: The former of which, *Portugal* is likely, in this conjuncture to insist upon; as *Spain*, on the other side will receive most benefit by it, by separating *Portugal* for ever from *France*; which a Truce

will not do, nor unite them usefully to *Spain*.

We understand the Marquis *de Sandys* finds some stop in the Marriage of Madamofelle *d' Aumall*, the *French* Court pretending the Duke of *Savoy* hath not yet spoken clearly to the extent of her Dowry. But the true reason is that *France* is unwilling to make it a considerable one, and such as *Portugal* may like, unless they will promise not to make a Peace, or Truce with *Spain*, without the consent of *France*; which is a point *Portugal* desires always to reserve within their own powers.

I am, &c.

Oxon, January, 18. 6.

SIR,

I Have received yours of the 19th. and read to His Majesty, my Lord Chancellour being by, what you wrote in Cypher there; which Overture was not displeasing to them. But I cannot by this Post send you his Majesty's positive Answer to it, because we are expecting something of that kind another way; to which you shall be called upon to give your hand, as you propose, as soon as the matter is ripe for it, your skill being valued by us here. Neither can I yet send you his Majesty's Opinion of what Sir *Richard Fanshaw* hath concluded in *Spain*. There is much Paper sent us by him, and that which should require much reflection. The Effect of it is good, I would I could say as much for the Circumstances.

I am, &c.

SIR,

January 25. 66.

SIR,

I Have received yours of the 26th. with one enclosed from the Prince of *Munster* to you. And see you resolve to keep me in your Service, because you pay me so well for that little I am able to render you. His Majesty goes on *Saturday* to *Hampton-Court*. And all the Orders I can give you, concerning the Overture in yours of the 19th. is, That you may freely offer your self to hear any thing, the party will propose. For, We having spoken by another secret way, it is their turn to speak now. And, if any thing of moment be offered you, you may charge your self with dispatching it hither; but mind then the Italian Proverb, *Qui volva qui non volmandra*. Nothing but a Messenger can do it effectually.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, February 2. 66.

SIR,

I Have before me yours of the 2d. your style, and in the Cypher part; relating to a former, which by misfortune is left at *Oxford*, and consequently not shewed to his Majesty, the day we parted; to receive his directions upon it. But I tell you at a venture, that if the party seems to you

a sensible, and sufficient Man, you may encourage him to come over with his Propositions.

You have before this time, the News of *France's* declaring War against us; which hath not much surprized us, having been prepared to expect it from the pressures of *Holland*; especially that party there that apprehend our Agreement with them. To defeat which, this is now found out, and my Lord *Sandwich* is going this Week. One of the Businesses his Majesty hath dispatched this day, was the settling a Fund to pay the Prince of *Munster* all his Arrears.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, February 9. 66.

SIR,

THE foul Weather ceasing, the Pacquet Boat came over, and brought me Three of Yours, One of the 5th. and the other Two of the 9th, with your two separate Papers in Cypher. *One encouraging us to support more assuredly the Prince of Orange's Party, and to withdraw his Person, at least, from his Grandmother. The former is already done; at least so far as is thought fit here with relation to his Interest: But we dare not tell which way to all; that call upon us to do it, since we are so directed by those of that Countrey, who pretend to know best the condition of his Affairs. The latter his Majesty will not by any means hear of, saying, he could not better gratifie his Enemies than by doing it; however you do well to communicate to us what is offered to you.*

You

You see how prevalent the *French* Party is in *Holland*, when *de Witt* thinks fit to sacrifice the Marquis's private Suggestions to the Knowledge of the *French* Ambassadour. A little time will tell us whether they will have War or Peace. For, tho' *France* hath declared for them, we do not look upon it as an effect of their *Treaty*, but as the last tryal upon them whether they will finish it. If they do, it will certainly be to the disadvantage of *Flanders*, and to the dividing it betwixt them, let them say what they please to the *Spanish* Ministers, whom you ought often to awake with these representations. And at least perswade them not to deceive themselves with their common Answer, *viz.* That they can do nothing till we are finally agreed with *Spain*, our Interest on both hands disposing us so visibly to it, so it is a better security than Twenty *Treaties*.

And upon this occasion it is fit I tell you, That after much debate upon the Papers, This out Sir Richard Fanshew sent hither to be of Cypher. ratified by His Majesty, as much as we desire a conclusion with them, we cannot think it proper to do it. The one were additional Articles of Commerce; which, besides some exceptions we made to them, tho' not of great moment, were signed by him in Spanish, and so improper for His Majesty's Ratification. Besides, They were a part of what the other contained of a Truce with Portugal for Thirty Years; which, tho' we like, yet we know not whether Portugal will: And till we do so, cannot answer for their acceptance of them. In the last place, Four Months time is given for the Ratification; before the expiration of which, we hope to hear from Sir Richard Fanshew, who is gone to Lisbon.

In the mean time, my Lord Sandwich is dispatching away with all the expedition, that is possible, with Power to conclude, upon Terms acceptable to them, all points betwixt us. And will carry with him such Discourses, as cannot but have the same effect upon that Court, as if we had ratified Twenty Papers.

All that Spain can fairly object to this is, That we are managing our selves towards France. But when they shall see the Declaration of a War against that Crown, which will be published to Morrow, that Objection will fall to the ground; and certainly our common Cause unites us sufficiently. And this you must make the matter of your Discourse to the Marquis, who hath the same from the Spanish Ambassadour; and, tho he hath Opiniastred the Point, as restily as became his Character, yet we are perswaded that upon the whole matter, he is not dissatisfied with the Professions, that have been made him upon this occasion.

Our Fleet is abroad in search of the *Hollander*, God give them good success. The weather is of a sudden grown much warmer, and we are all alarm'd by it with an apprehension that the next Bill may encrease the Contagion; especially seeing what throng of People are come to Town. Since my last we had from *Oxford* the ill News of the Queens miscarriage, but we comfort our selves with the hopes that the next time she will succeed better.

The *Spanish* Ambassadour wrote some days ago to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, to recommend, in his Majesty's Name, my Lord *Castlehaven* to the command of the old *Irish* Regiment, which Sir *Richard Fanshawe*, long ago, said the late King would leave to His Majesty's nomination. According to which he

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bids me now write to you in favour of the said Earl. And assure the Marquis that His Majesty will afford another kind of recruit, and protection to that Body, if it be under the Earl, than if it be under *Morphi*; whom His Majesty hath little reason to be satisfied with. And upon this account I will not omit to tell you, That my Lord of *Norwich* was with me this day, desiring me to move His Majesty to recommend Him to the Command of the *English* Regiment, offering, in Six Weeks time, if he may have His Majesty's leave for it, to recruit it to Three Thousand. All the Answer I could give him was, That His Majesty had recommended Mr. *Henry Howard* to it; but that if Mr. *Howard* could be perswaded to decline it, I assured my self His Majesty would most willingly recommend him, the Earl, to it. And, the Truth is, he is a Valiant Man, and worthy of it, and his Fortune needs some such Circumstances to makē him live according to his Quality, tho he lives now orderly enough, and within his compass. It would not be amiss that you discourse likewise on this Subject to his Excellency.

Our preparations for the Summer Service go on a-pace by the vigour and applications of my Lord General; who in all his discourses concludes the *Hollanders* to be upon their last Legs. And makes no doubt but to take them from them; which is all I will entertain you with at this time.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, February 16. 66.

S I R,

I Have Three of Yours to acknowledge, of the 12th, 16, and 19. They have not named the Two Ships they complain of in the *Antwerp* Memorial, which was presented to his Excellency, and is too general. But you may assure his Excellency we shall find their Account. Mr. Vice Chamberlain assures us he hath another considerable Sum for the Prince of *Munster*.

I am, &c.

Whithal, February 23. 66.

S I R,

THIS acknowledgeth Yours of the 23d. your Style, with the enclosed Paper in Cypher, which gives us but an uncomfortable prospect; but I hope the effects may answer better.

My Lord *Sandwich* left this Town this Day, and will be by *Monday* night at *Portsmouth*, ready to Embark. He goes well instructed, and empowered to all Matters, and if he succeed not, the fault is their's, and will discover a customary defect in their Politicks, by suffering themselves to be deluded with an opinion, That *France* will not break with them, because they are so with us. For which they already convey excuses to us, by saying they only discharge themselves in Honour, without any animosity, and go into the Fields only as Seconds.

We

We hear nothing yet of Father *Sherwood*; but we guess at his Errand. And Mr. Vice-Chamberlain promised this night to send me Letters for you, that would prevent some part of it.

Your Character of Mr. *Glanvill* contradicts mine, wherein I will not strive with you, having nothing in his Justification before me, but the sight of Two or Three of his Letters. Therefore use your own freedom in employing him or not, as you see cause.

I am, &c.

S I R,

I Have little to add to my last, but the telling, what I believe you can scarcely be ignorant of, That the last Pacquet Boat, coming from *Newport*, was siezed by a *French* Vessel of *Dunkirk*, (sent in all probability on purpose to take her) and that the Letters were all opened. This is an Excess the *Hollanders* never committed towards us. Neither did they themselves do it so openly to *Spain* in the long War they had with them. Betwixt us, there is little to exostulate upon the Terms we are now. But I hope the *Marquis Castel Rodrigo* will complain aloud at *Paris*, for the injury done to him therein; which you must invite him to, and obtain of him our Future Security with relation to this Point.

My Lord *Sandwich* is at *Portsmouth* expecting his Embarkation. And from *France* this Night they write that Sir *Richard Fanshawe* is returned from *Portugal* re infectâ, because nothing but the

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Title of King will please them, and with that any thing.

Sir *Jeremy Smith* is in the Streights, driving the *Holland Capers* before him ; who are all retired to *Thoulon* to be sheltered by *Monsieur de Beaufort* ; who is making ready all the Force he can to come out and Fight us. I have a Letter from Sir *Robert Southwell*, Jan. 16. who was then entring the Port at *Lisbon*.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, March 5. 66.

S I R,

THIS acknowledgeth Yours of the First by the Prince of *Munster's* Agent ; whom I brought to His Majesty to day to receive his Assurances, that all shall be made good, that was promised his Master ; and that speedily.

I have likewise Yours by the Post of the Second, with the enclosed in Cypher, wherein you continue still in the same opinion of my Lord *Sandwich's* success ; deriving it from the Marquis. The Remedy will be acceptable, if we must have the Disease. But for that it will be time enough to talk hereafter.

It is His Majesty's Pleasure, that the Tinn be applied to the Payments, as it was first intended ; and, by that time this arrives, I suppose Alderman *Backwell* will have sent his Orders accordingly.

I am, &c.

S I R,

Whitehal, March 16. 66.

S I R,

MY late absence, attending His Majesty into the Country, hath put me into a great arrear with you. So I have at once Yours of the 9th. 12th. 16th. and 19th. to Answer, with the enclosed Papers; all which I have communicated to his Majesty.

Mr. Vice-Chamberlain writes to you himself this Night, who will tell you what new Sum of Money he transmits to you for the Bishop of *Munster*; whose Envoy hath this afternoon acquainted His Majesty, through my hands; That the Three Electors of *Mayence*, *Cologne* and *Brandenburgh*; as also the Princes of *Newburgh*, *Brunswick*,-----*Wolfenbuttle*, and *Lunenburgh Hannover*, have deputed their Ambassadors to meet at *Dartmond*, about the beginning of *April*, to deliberate upon the Re-establishment and Conservation of the Peace, in the *Westphalia* Circle. And to propose at the same time Conditions of Accommodation betwixt the Bishop of *Munster*, and the States General. The said Envoy praying his Majesty, in his Master's Name, to send some Body from him, to be punctually advertised of all that passes therein, and to take Care of his Interests: adding, That he would not refuse, to such Neighbours, the admittance of this Overture. And that some of these Princes offer to mediate an Agreement, betwixt the King our Master, and the *French* King. This coming to my hands but this Afternoon, his Majesty hath not had leisure to consider of his Answer to it; but you shall do well to entertain

ertain the Marquis with it, and to let me know on the first occasion how he discourses upon it.

I likewise herewith send you a Letter for my Lord *Carlingford*, wherein his Majesty enjoyns him, contrary to his former Orders, to make some longer stay in the Emperour's Court, if he be not come away; accordingly you will dispose the conveyance of it to him with all possible speed and expedition.

Mr. Vice-Chamberlain hath Orders to direct you into whose hands the Tinn shall be put, to be Sold. By what we hear of Mr. *Corney*, he will not be a proper Person to be trusted with it; however pray let him know, from me, that his Majesty is glad he is gotten out of Prison, and will upon occasion, gratifie him for his Suffering: and withal see what use you can make of him, in those parts, for drawing Intelligence out of *Holland*; and not giving him encouragement to come over yet to us.

You may assure his Excellency, that not a feigned, but real Gout hath detained my Lord *Hollis*, all this while, at *Paris*, without any other business. Not but that the *French* have made use of other hands to convey to us Overtures of Accommodation; but such as his Majesty hath not thought fit to lay any hold on. And by this you see how Monsieur *de Witt*'s Fiddle and theirs are tuned together.

His Excellency hath answered the old Duke of *Lorraine* very well to our purpose, the question is only whether he hath not trusted him too far; and you may let him know that his advice shall be followed towards the Duke of *Brandenburg*'s Envoy.

I am, &c.

S I R,

Whitehal, March 23. 66.

SIR,

MY last to you was a long one of *Tuesday* sevennight. Since which I have received none from you. And I forbare to write to you by the *Mondays* Post, because I had little to say more than what is to be the Contents of this, in which his Majesty had not then taken his final resolution.

In my last I told you that the Bishop of *Munster* had sent to his Majesty, giving him an account of Overtures, made to him from the Neighbouring Princes, to send their Deputies to meet his at *Dartmond*, an imperial Town; with a desire from the Bishop that his Majesty would likewise send one from him, to be witness of the Transactions there. Since which time I have been to inform my self of the Baron of *Wreden*, in what manner, the Person his Majesty sends, shall appear there. In which point, the Bishop's Letters being defective, and the time pressing, his Majesty thought he could not do better, nor more securely to his Affairs, than to commit this Employment to you, and to leave you, in the prosecution of it, to follow that good Talent God hath given you; directing yourself the best you can by those Instructions the Bishop will give, according as your Credential desires it of him. Neither can we instruct you better, since he hath by his Envoy signified no more, to enlighten us in this occasion, than what I have told you in this, and my former Letter. Besides, Your Credential, you have also herewith his Majesty's ample Power to do all things that you shall think

fit in his Service; which Trust will, I hope, qualify you well to digest the trouble of the Journey. And, because the occasion seems to press, you must lose no time, but, immediately upon the receipt of this, get on Horse back, and go strait to the Bishop's Court, there to be instructed by him, what you shall further do, and in what manner make use of this his Majesty's Commission.

I need not mind you of losing nothing in This in the Exterieur Part, that will be due to Cypher. your Character, and the Master that sends you. And perhaps your troublesome insisting upon the Punctilioes therein may be of better use, than any of that candour, and ingenuity you so much abound in. For, Whatsoever may be the business of the Bishop, you must take for granted ours is to render ineffectual all the designed Negotiations; and perhaps the Bishop may be so open to you, as to tell you it is his mind too. And therefore, notwithstanding the ample Power given you, in your Commission, to introduce you to hear, and know all that passes; yet when, upon any transaction, you shall come to a conclusion, you must remember to make none: But, by the pretence of fresh Letters, expose the necessity of knowing his Majesty's Pleasure a-new. And, in one word, play this Farce as skilfully as you can; which you will be the better enabled to do when you shall have engaged the Bishop to open himself clearly to you; declaring you have no Instructions but to follow those he will give you.

Neither must you omit to take the best directions you can from the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, when you shall expose to him, as his Majesty would have you do, the motives and business of your Journey. And, letting him see it is not like to be a long one,
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begging his leave for your absence in the form you shall think fit.

In this instant, I received a letter from Sir Richard Fanshawe, and Sir Robert Southwell, at Madrid, dated March the 12th. their Style, as you may suppose. Wherein only they say they have been with the Duke de Medina de la Torres, acquainting him with the last resolution of Portugal towards an Agreement; which is what I sent you formerly, for this Letter of their's refers only to it.

I am, &c.

P.S. You are likewise to assure the Bishop, that his Majesty hath been so far from shewing any aversion to a Treaty with Holland, all this Winter; That, besides what he declared publickly to them, in his Letter, he likewise hath made them several private Overtures for it; insisting only that, for the point of Honour, they should send a Person hither to Treat with sufficient Power, either with, or without a Character, as they should think fit.

This in
Cypher.

Whitehal, March 30. 66.

SIR,

After the trouble of not hearing from you in many days, I have received from you at once Yours of the 26, and 31. March, and of 4. April. with all the enclosed. To the particulars of which it is not necessary I make any Answer, neither indeed have I any time for it. This is therefore only

to let you know that the Envoy of *Munster*, sends me word, (for he continues much indisposed) That his Master signifies to him, there is an end of the meeting of the Deputies. Upon which his Majesty bids you return your Horses to the Stable, and to think no more of the Journey. I pray God this come time enough to divert you from it. We have heard nothing from *Madrid* since my last.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, April 2. 66.

SIR,

I Have received yours of the 6. S. N. from *Antwerp*; where it seems you met with a New Commission. The ground of which being since taken away, as I signified to you in my last, I am to repent much the sending it, for the trouble it must have put you to.

I have this day received Letters from *Madrid*, of a fresher date than Sir *Richard Fanshaw's*, or Sir *Robert Southwell's*: Which tells ^{me} the latter had had his Audience; which had been a long time suspended, much to his dissatisfaction. And that, upon it, he had dispatched one to *Lisbon*. Of my Lord *Sandwich* there was then no News. The date of this was the 15th. of *March*. Monsieur *Ognati* arrived here last night. For other News I must refer you to our Gazettes.

I am, &c.

SIR,

Whitehal, April 6. 66.

SIR,

I Have yours of the 8th. wherein I find you still preparing for your Journey. But I hope, by this time, you have heard as well from the Bishops Resident, as from my Letter, that you may spare your pains.

The Baron of *Wreden* is recovering a-pace, as Mr. *Sherwood* told me to day, but without any News from his Master. We have no News from *Madrid* of the Success of what Sir *Richard Fanshaw* and Sir *Robert Southwell* carried thither; the Town there speaks diversly of it and most of them with dissatisfaction.

Mr. *Coventry's* Letters of Yesterday, gave us a great deal of comfort from the Court of *Sweden*, but it seems their Ambassadour will not part so soon as was supposed; they resolving to send an Envoy first. My Lord *Hollis*, in his Letter of the ^{10 April,}_{31 Mar.} saith, he was again troubled with the Gout. A Letter from *Lisbon* saith, Sir *Jeremy Smith* lay about the Streights mouth, and that Monsieur *de Beaufort* was ready to come out.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, April 10. 66.

SIR,

BY Letters from Mr. *Corney*, I find his Majesty's Countermands, concerning your Journey to the Bishop of *Munster*, did not overtake you before you left *Brussels*. And I hope, as it now falls out, not till you are at your Journeys end; because the Baron of *Wreden* hath notified to his Majesty the resolution of a new meeting at *Cleve*. For which purpose his Majesty hath commanded me to send you Two new Powers, according to the tenour of the last: One with relation to *Cleve*; The other indefinite as to the place, to be made use of by you, as you shall see cause: Since the Bishop is so earnestly and hastily called upon to such meetings.

There is likewise a Credential for you to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, which you must deliver, or forbear, as the Bishop shall direct you, both as to Time, and to the Manner of your Discourse. For the substance of your Instruction, you must follow exactly what I wrote before to you in Cypher, so I need not lengthen this more, than by asring you that,

I am, &c.

P. S. My Lord *Hollis* is yet detain'd in *France* by his Gout, which gives occasion to the Court there to endeavour, by the means of the Queen Mother, to fasten upon him some Overtures of Agreement between us, and that Crown. What they are, we do not yet know, but shall in a few days;

days; and then his Highness shall be made acquainted with them, if they be such as are likely to have any progress with relation to him. But I cannot chuse but tell you, I am perswaded nothing will come of them, being invented on their side, only to disturb our conjunction with *Spain*.

You cannot be without hearing how well *Sweden* is disposed towards us, and how firmly they are resolved to stand to their late Treaty with us; tho' to the prejudice of all their other Allies. Wherein particularly they threaten *Denmark*, who have made a Treaty with *Holland*, and *France*, that, we think, will serve only to shame them.

Whitehal, April 23. 66.

SIR,

I Have received Yours of the 27th. but not your former mentioned therein of the 18th. Whatever all other Letters said, till we saw yours, His Majesty could not believe that the Bishop had made his Agreement: His own Honour and Conscience must answer for it; and this is all we can say to that point.

I wish the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* had his Troops. But, if his Excellency hath not taken his Measures for them, our wishes here will be worth little in the Case.

I am going out of Town, so that I must defer, till my next, the saying several things to you, which you ought to be entertained with. One I will not omit now, which is, That his Majesty is entirely

tirely satisfied in your Proceedings. And therefore, whatever your Success hath been in your Journey, or whatever mortification your disappointment may give you, do not believe any of it is imputed to you, or to your want of good Conduct, and zealous Affection to His Majesties Service.

I hope Mr. Vice-Chamberlain hath warned you to put a stop to all Payments.

I am, &c.

P. S. I hope you have not omitted to send to my Lord *Carlinsford*, what occurs to you, upon the conclusion the Bishop hath made; and how surprized we are to see the Emperour's Name in the Guaranty of the Treaty.

Whitehal, April 27. 66.

S I R,

I Have received none from you, since my last, but one, I told you was missing of yours, of the 18th. from *Munster*. How it lay so long on the way, you can best judge. The subject is too vexatious to discourse any more upon. Only I cannot omit to tell you, That the Baron of *wreden* (whom by the way we never saw since his Master played us this Prank, nor Mr. *Sherwood* neither) sent me this day, by a Friend of his, a Copy of his Master's Letter to him of the 23d. Wherein he mentions the Necessities and Motives that had obliged him to make this Treaty; but concludes he would not finish
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it till he knows his Majesty's mind upon it, which he would send by the Baron *de Austrie* to know.

After I had written my Letter to you, as the last Post, I received one from my Lord *Hollis*, telling me that, finding himself rid of the Gout, and going to get leave of the Queen Mother, he had met there, as was concerted before hand, Monsieur *de Lyonne*, and Monsieur *Van Beuninghen*, who entertained him with Propositions, such as his Majesty might fairly have expected after the loss of a Battle. To which he made proportionable replies. The particulars are not worth the telling you.

Immediately upon the reading his Letter, His Majesty bid me write to him, without any further delay, to come away without hearing, or uttering one word more in that Court relating to any publick business.

And thus you see the Mountain delivered of this Mouse, which *France* hath made use of to amuse all the Princes abroad.

I am glad the Farce is at an end. And, that we have a good Fleet to trust to, after so much Infidelity in our Friends, and artificial Fraud in our Enemies, and before any decision can be made by that, we hope we shall know the last mind of *Spain*, with relation to us; who, at the worst, cannot but believe we might yet have any reasonable conditions from *France*, if we would hearken to their Propositions.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, May 4. 66.

S I R,

SINCE my last, I have received Yours of the 30th. past, with a State in it of the Accounts betwixt His Majesty and the Bishop, relating what happen'd concerning them in your absence. All which I put, by my Lord Chancellor's advice, into Alderman *Backwell's* hands; who is to advise with Mr. Vice-Chamberlain thereupon; and jointly they are to send you Directions how you shall proceed to the retrieving as much of the Money, as you can possibly, designed to that Service: His Majesty resolving you shall part with no more of it than needs you must. And whatever the Bishop may fairly pretend as due to him, it is certain he hath furnish'd us with a sufficient excuse now for our failing with him, how unprovided soever we were in this kind before. As for our discourse of him, and his Affairs towards the World, his Majesty agrees with your Opinion that the less we speak of it, the better: And that for our own sakes, and not his, since we do not foresee any likelihood of ever having to do with him hereafter. Notwithstanding which, His Majesty doth not disapprove the Letter you wrote to him, at the intreaty of the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, as we suppose, concerning the disposal of his Troops. Let the effect thereof be what it will, it is well his Excellency should find himself gratified at least with our endeavours.

I received likewise, since my last to you, a Second Letter of the 7th. currant, *S. N.* but unhappily it is now mislaid, so I must answer to it by my memory, as well as I can.

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There was in it a piece of the Bishop's Letter to you, since your leaving him, which seems to imply that the *Treaty* with *Holland* was not finally ratified. And, That he was sending a Person hither to ask his Majesty's Approbation of it. Which Person not yet appearing, we can understand it no other ways than a Colour to keep up his right to some more of his Money; since all the late Letters from *Holland* assure us the Ratifications were Exchanged. His needless Professions, and Protestations, so often repeated, not to sign the *Treaty* without his Majesty's leave, hath divested us of all kind of Credit towards what he saith.

I call to mind, there was likewise in your Letter, some dissatisfaction of yours towards our employing Mr. *Glanvill*, as if it were the dismembring a part of your Commission. It is in Mr. Vice-Chamberlain's and Alderman *Backwell*'s hands to continue, or suspend his further dealing in the recovery of the *Tinn*. All he is trusted with by me, is the safe conveying of our Letters, and Intelligences to and fro, in this Conjunction. And for this, methinks a small measure of Honesty and Discretion will suffice: if he prove faulty in either of these points, according to your Observations, or Ours, we can quickly recal his Trust, and put it into some other hands. But readily we know not where to find one in that Port. I shall, in my next to him warn him not to be wanting in his Respects, and observance towards you; and if he be, upon the first knowledge of it, I promise you he shall be discarded.

I inclose likewise herein a Copy of his Majesty's Letter to the Queen Regent of *Spain*, in Answer to one She sent hither, complaining of what Sir *Richard Fanshawe* had brought from *Portugal*; wherein

wherein you will see his Majesty's whole thoughts upon that Affair. When you have read it, I pray lose no time in sending it to my Lord *Sandwich* at *Madrid*; and by one of the Marquises Expresses, that it may not fall into the hands of the *French*, if possible, who never fail to open all Letters that go to, or come from *Spain*. The Original is put into the Ambassadors hands here, and a Copy with it, which he will not fail to send to the Marquis; so you need not be shy of discoursing upon the Subject of it to his Excellency.

I concur with you in the Opinion that we ought not to be sorry for not having moved his Majesty in your request concerning the Tinn. It will be now proper to move him for a considerable Sum to supply your extraordinary expences. If you will let me know in your next, by a Paper a-part, what Sum I shall ask for you, without coming to particular accounts, I will charge my self with the obtaining it for you.

I will send the Duke of *Ormond* transcripts of your Letter.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, May 7. 66.

S I R,

I Have received yours of the 11th. Wherein I perceive a former of mine was not come to your hands. It is possible my Letters run the same hazard with yours of late; whereof some, of fresher dates,

dates, arrive before those of former. But, least it should have miscarried, I herewith send you a Transcript of it.

This day arrived the Baron of *Rozenburgh* with yours of the 9th. who came immediately to me, as he arrived, before he had spoken with the Baron of *Wreden*. I asked him, whether the Bishop had signed his *Treaty*? He told me that he had not when he came away; but that he would suspend the doing it Eight Days, in that time to obtain his Majesty's leave. This gave me occasion to enter into the Computation with him, how long it was since he had left the Bishop, and according to his own reckoning it proved to be Two and Twenty Days. I asked him what further effect there was of this Voyage to the King? He answered, To assure his Majesty of the Prince his Master's Devotion. But without troubling you with our further Discourse, I advised him to put down in writing the scope of his Errand, and, if he could of his Credentials too, that, upon the sight of it I might tell him my opinion concerning his presenting himself to his Majesty. Which, for ought I understood yet, I should not advise him to do. By my next I shall be able to tell you what became of their Ambassadour.

I am, &c.

SIR,

May 11. 66.

S I R,

THE freshest I have from you, is of the 14th:
S. N. Wherein I find my former Letter, so
 long missing, was at last come safe to your hands.
 In the defect of which I thought my self obliged
 to inclose a duplicate of it in my last. Since when,
 I have received an account of the Baron *de Rozen-*
burgh's Errand, which is not very edifying; I have
 given his Majesty an account of it, and must at-
 tend the next meeting, to have his resolution upon
 it; that is, Whether he will please to see this En-
 voy, who amongst other things advances the Bishop's
 Offers of serving his Majesty in some other Con-
 juncture; which, I doubt much, he will never
 have the opportunity of Executing. In the mean
 time his Majesty is very glad your Letter had that
 good effect upon him, in relation to the disposal of
 his Troops. I know how to reconcile Mr. Vice-
 Chamberlain's complaints and yours, saying on
 both sides that you cannot hear from one another.
 But I hope by this time, you are both satisfied;
 and that by your separate endeavours, joyned with
 those of Alderman *Backwell's*, the Payment, up-
 on the Bills, will be stopt. In your above-named,
 I received the Letter intrusted to you with so much
 caution of Secrecy; according to which rule, I pray
 transmit carefully all others he shall in the future
 recommend to you.

I am, &c.

S I R,

May 14. 66.

S I R,

I Have received Yours of the 18th. with your complaints of not hearing of Mr. Vice-Chamberlain; which are the same he makes of you. We have yet no News from *Madrid*; not so much, by any hands, as of my Lord *Sandwich's* arrival at *Madrid*.

From *France*, and *Italy* we have assurance of the *French* Fleets being come out; but, with circumstances, as if they would not go out of the *Mediterranean*. And, upon this foundation, conclude, at the utmost, it will not be further than *Tangier*, to attack that place.

All these, and other Letters, even as far as *Germany*, tell us of great dissentions, and disagreements in the Counsel of *Spain*. Which is ill News to us, since we have set up our rest of making our best Alliance there. And, the part of *Portugal* excepted, ask no hard thing of them, having taken our measures to fight our own Battels our selves. But how soon we shall come to the decision we cannot tell.

All our News from *Holland* assuring us they will come late abroad with their Fleet, if they do so at all, they shew a greater willingness to Treat, but how to go about that, without calling *France* to it, they know not. And, observing by all they have heard from us, that we desire to treat alone with them, and not to call helpers to it, who at the best, propose the selling a Peace to us, but at a dear rate.

I am, &c.

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. S I R,

May 18. 66.

SIR,

I Have just now received Yours of the 21st. but I have not had time to impart to Mr. Vice-Chamberlain what you say concerning the Bill of Exchange, and likewise the Tinn. But; Having so often discoursed to him upon those Two Subjects; and conjured him to write his mind to you upon them, I hope you will know it from the inclosed Letter. I have One this Day from Mr. *Corney*, but shall forbear answering it, till I hear, by Mr. Alderman *Backwell's* means from Mr. *Shaw*.

I send you here a Copy of the Paper, which I sent the Bishop of *Munster's* Envoy, by his Majesty's Command; I cannot yet tell how it pleases him. As to the Overture you make in Cypher, his Majesty bids me answer thus, That he hath ever really wished for a Peace, so he might have a good one. And, besides his publick Letter written to the States, hath made use of private ways to assure them so much. That, tho he hath not been fond to hearken to any Proposition of Accommodation; by the means of *France*; yet any thing the Marquis can offer to him of that kind will be very welcome to him; especially if it hath that condition with it of excluding *France*. Upon this Foundation therefore you may confidently encourage his Excellency, to draw what Overtures he can from the *Holland* Resident there.

I have received Letters from my Lord *Sandwich* of *April* 26. *S.V.* when he was ready to begin his Journey to *Madrid*. And a fresher from Sir *Robert Southwell*,

Southwell, from *Madrid* of *May 6. S. N.* Wherein he tells us of the Emperour's marriage, and departure; but gives us no further hopes yet of their agreeing to our Proposals with *Portugal*. They excuse their answering finally thereupon, till my Lord *Sandwich* shall arrive, and that they know his Majesty's last mind thereupon: which they will do in his Letter.

My Lord *Tiviot* is come from *Tangeir*, having made a new advantageous Peace with *Gayland*. And those Ships, that carried my Lord *Sandwich*, are return'd to encrease the number of our Fleet.

The next week I shall be able to let you know what, and by what means his Majesty will accommodate you for your extraordinaries.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, May 25. 66.

S I R,

W Anting matter to entertain you with, I forbore to write to you by the last Post, when I had received yours of the 19th. and since one of the 28th.

His Majesty, this Afternoon, took his last resolution concerning Monsieur *Ognati's* Proposition, and to his satisfaction. Which is to remit to the Court of Commerce, at *Bruges*, the giving Passports for Ships, after Oath made there that they belong to the Subjects of his Catholick Majesty.

We hear nothing from *Madrid* of my Lord *Sandwich's* arrival there, nor of any progress in our

Negotiation; which is much wondred at here, and gives not a little countenance to the Overtures of agreeing with *France*; which are confirmed further by my Lord *Hollis*.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, June 11. 66.

S I R,

IN my absence care was taken to furnish you with all our News, which I hope was done to your Satisfaction. And, returning hither the last Post Night, my excuses were likewise sent you for my not writing then. For the future all this shall be supplied by my self. And so, to resume my former Style, I here begin to acknowledge Two of Yours of the *8th.* and *15th.* which require no particular Answer. Neither do I take a pleasure in repeating any thing of this last Engagement. I must therefore refer you to the Printed Papers, to supply what was wanting of the relations you had by the last; I mean of our own side: For we are not at all yet clearly instructed of what loss the Enemy sustained. For that we must be beholding to their own Ingenuity, or the good Observation of their Neighbour; wherein I hope you will help us. This advantage, I am sure they had of us, That they have carried home their Trophies: Whereas we have not one; what they lost being all drown'd or burnt.

My Letters from *Madrid* have little or no News, but that of the *12th.* They expect my Lord *Sandwich* within Three Days. *I am, &c.*

S I R,

Whitehal, June 22. 66.

S I R,

THIS day Sevensight the Head-ach, and last *Monday* being with his Majesty at the Fleet, must beg my excuse for not writing and answering Yours of the 18th. 22^d. and 25th. Inclosed you have a Narrative, which was carefully laid together when we were at the Fleet, wherein you will see the Truth. But we are far from hoping to hear the *Dutch* tell their Tale so ingenuously. We must expect it therefore from Persons from thence; among which I hope yours, you have sent, will give us some help; with the account of their readiness, in which they are, to come out again.

I do not hear of the Man that would have borrowed Money of you. But, what you say in your Letter, I am glad you are hard hearted to him; for I have much cause to suspect he hath been wanting to all he promised.

We cannot yet hear with any certainty where *Monsieur de Beaufort's* Fleet is. I assure you in Ten Days our Fleet will be compleatly ready.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, June 28. 66.

S I R,

I Am to acknowledge Yours of the 19th. wherein I perceive you are still upon the struggle, to get our Tale believed of the last Engagement. Whereupon, since we cannot be agreed, we must

refer our selves to the next. And that seems to be very near. For last night I received a Letter from one of your Agents at *Flushing*, which Mr. *Glanvill* had the Care to dispatch away by an Express Sloop, to send us word of the *Dutch* Fleet coming out. Pray continue to encourage this, or any other Agents you can find in *Holland*; I will be answerable to you for the Money they cost.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, July 2. 66.

STR,

I Have now Yours of the 6th. and yet owe you the acknowledgmen of a former, wherein was the Comical Story of the *Dutch* Residents Bonfires. It seems the Grain of that Countrey goes well with us, it is pity it is no more visible yet in the Superiour Orbs.

The freshest Letter we have from *Madrid*, is the 16th. past; wherein Sir *Robert Southwell* saith, he is going to *Portugal*, but mentions no Errand he carries. So it looks only like an effect of his own Importunity; authorized by my Lord *Sandwich's* presence. What recommendations they will give to him, when the Foot is in the Stirrup, to say, or to expect to hear from them, when they have entered into Conferences with my Lord *Sandwich*, we shall hear by the next: if, at least they will vouchsafe to do so much. And yet to have stayed him all this while, when he so pressingly desires to go, only to stay him would seem very strange.

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Some of the Letters from *Paris* say Monsieur de *Beaufort* is at *Rochell*, and that he goes from thence to *Lisbon*.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, July 6. 66.

S I R,

I Have received Yours of the 7th. and 8th. with all the News: Particularly a Copy of what your Correspondent had transmitted to us before. In fine, The *Dutch*, according to it are upon our Coast, with the advantage of some Reputation, in that we go not out to them. But when we shall do so, I hope in God we shall repair our selves. And, by all we can learn of their strength, we ought not to despair of it; and this a very few days more will shew. If they come hither upon any other expectation, it seems nothing answers to it. For no discontented party shews it self, and we have had time so to secure our Coast, that we do not much fear their Landing upon the Body of the Kingdom. Neither do we think they will have the Confidence to invade our Islands, till they have tryed the Mastery with our Fleet; which they shall quickly have an opportunity of doing.

We know not what to think of the conjunction of the *French* with them. It is strange they should not be here in all this time if they intended it.

No more Letters coming yet from *Spain*, I am afraid the *French* use us in that, as they do you, burn our Letters.

I forgot in my last to answer the Question, concerning your executing, what Mr. Alderman *Backwell* disputes of the remainder of the Bishop of *Munster's* Money. His Majesty saith what the Alderman wrote to you was by my Lord Treasurer's Directions; so you need not scruple the following it. I expect your Answer to the Question in my former, what I shall ask for your Journey, and extraordinary Charges, to see whether I can prevail with my Lord Treasurer to add something to the Five Hundred Pounds; which I will endeavour to transmit to you by Alderman *Backwell's* hands.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, July 27. 66.

SIR,

YOU will easily guess the reason of our stay here of so many Pacquet Boats, because we were not willing to let them carry News of our readiness to go out with our Fleet; which at last did so without any interruption from the Enemy, after all their ridiculous brags of their having blocked up the River of *Thames*. And now, at last, are engaged with them, we hope successfully; though the particulars will be quicker known to you than us. Since we have press'd toward their own Coast, we have heard the Canon these Three Days of a close Fight, but knew not the particulars till this Day at Noon, which are not many, brought into *Harwich* by the *Elizabeth*, a small Fourth-Rate Frigate,

Frigat, which came in disabled. Such as they are you shall receive them with this, with the additions of any other that shall come before the closing this Pacquet, which we hope will conclude in a happy Victory, they being worsted hitherto.

I have before me Yours of the 13, 16, 21, 23, and 31. unacknowledged for the reason above-mentioned. In the First, You ask me his Majesty's resolution concerning the coming over hither of a Gentleman, who offers his Service, and Informations concerning *France*. In a former, as I remember, you told me his Name; which notwithstanding the Circumstances you delivered it with, His Majesty could not call to mind. Neither does he think fit, for the present, to encourage him to come hither. If he be still with you, you shall do well to see what you can further learn from him, that may be of use to us, some of that kind have heretofore offered themselves to us, but quickly discover they come to ask Money or do something worse amongst us; this makes us not fond of new ones.

Monfieur *Ognati* left us with a resolution of gaining the Coast of *Flanders*, during our Fight, so to secure the many Ships accompanying him: But I am afraid the Wind has not yet been good enough for him.

The last Letters we had from my Lord *Sandwich* were of July 1. relating to Sir *Richard Fanshaw's* Death, and the ceremonial entrance into his Negotiation, but nothing of the further progress of it.

We have met twice with the *Swedish* Ambassadors, upon their Offers of a Mediation; which his Majesty hath accepted of, but not their Offers of Treating in a Neutral Place.

I am, &c.

S I R,

Whitehal, July 30. 66.

SIR,

WHAT I received in Yours of the 2d. was written to me at large from him, whom I suppose to be the Author of it, but not exactly with the same Circumstances. Whether his Memory, or his Imagination failed him is a great Question here; where his Name, to speak freely with you, is able to discredit any Truth. And, against the grain, I imployed him into *Holland*, not to make him the Instrument of a Peace, but to send us News. However I do not yet discourage him from writing, tho I wish, what he saith, came from any *hand* rather than his. Accordingly you shall do well to handle him; and this is enough upon this subject, when I have so much a better to entertain you upon.

Here enclosed you have the effective Truth of what I sent you the Symptomes of in my last. I durst not hazard any of my acquaintance with the putting of it into *French*, because of the Sea terms wherewith it abounds. But, if you can get it well done, and quickly published, you will do his Majesty a good Service, and may fairly put the cost of it into your Accounts. Moreover, I have promised his Majesty to charge you with the writing of some small Paper, and publishing it in *French*, that may pleasantly and pertinently awaken the good Patriots in *Holland*, not only to Thoughts, and Wishes of Peace, but to a reasonable Application for it; assuring them his Majesty continues still to wish it; and would gladly receive any Overtures,
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for it, from the States, here in his own Kingdom, not expecting less from them, in this kind, than they did to the Usurper *Cromwel*.

This done in Form of a pretended Letter from some Merchant to another at *Amsterdam*, or in any other form you like best, would certainly operate well in *Holland*, and be a work worthy of your Pen; which, I know, has sufficiency for a much greater. One thing especially it will be good to mind them of, the considerable Succours and Advantages they have had by the conjunction with *France*; which hath not been remarkably visible in any thing more, than in getting their Narratives to be believed in all the Courts of Christendom, and helping them to make their Bonfires for their Successes.

His Majesty is going this Night to visit the Queen at *Tunbridge*.

I am, &c.

P. S. Let your Emissaries give you a particular account of the condition of the *Dutch* Fleet gotten into *Zealand*, and of the readines they are in to come out again, with an exact account of their strength, if it be possible. *Monsieur Nipho* will help to convey it speedily to us.

Whitehal August 10. 66.

S I R,

NOW I think you mean to be quit with us for wanting our Letters so long. This is the second Post, I have writ to you without having any of yours before me to answer, or any News to send

send you, only to keep my self in the habit of writing every Post day.

Nothing satisfactory comes from *Spain*. The Ministers of *Portugal* must now take new measures.

I am, &c.

August 17. 66.

S I R,

Since my last, I have received Two from you of the 1^o. I think, (for it is yet in his Royal Highness's hands) so that I cannot answer the particulars of it, and the 20th. in which latter you make me a Proposition, at the recommendation of *Don Bernardo de Solinas*, which I cannot meddle with, since I receive and do not give Orders in that business.

I thank you for the Account you give me of the Count *de Guiches's* Discourse with the *Conde de Martin*: upon which I put more weight, in the general, than any of our other Correspondents: tho I do not undervalue the Care, and particularity of yours from *Zealand*; which you must yet continue to the end of the Summer.

I am, &c.

S I R,

Whitehal, August 24. 66.

SIR,

WHEN I have acknowledged yours of the 28th. and given you thanks for the *London Merchants* Letter to him of *Amsterdam*, (which is allowed by his Majesty to be very well written) I have little more to say to you, than the recommending to your Care the Transmitting safely to my Lord *Sandwich* this enclosed Pacquet; a duplicate of what I wrote to him yesterday through *France*. Which I pray send by one of the Marquis's safe ways.

We hear the *Dutch Fleet* is come out. Ours is still in *Southwold-Bay*, stronger than ever. Whether sufficient for theirs and *Monfieur Beauport's* will be shortly decided, as they say they will.

I am, &c.

August 27. 66.

SIR,

BY what mischance or misbehaviour I have not yet been able to learn, that yours, of the 24th. *August*, came not to me till this Morning, with one enclosed from Count *Egmond* to his Majesty, to which he promises an Answer. Thus it falls out likewise that I have not yet had an opportunity of expostulating with Alderman *Backwell* for the drudgery he puts you upon. If I can make him sensible of it, I hope sooner, or later, to make him do

do you a good turn for what is past, and ease you of the trouble in the future. And thus it will fall out, that it is better being disobliged by a Rich Man, than a Great Man.

I received your dispatch of my Lord *Sandwich*, which was not a very comfortable one. I suppose the Minister there declared the matter of it to him, when they were full of the belief of the *Dutch* Gazettes. We can find no other excuse in their behalf for their dallying thus with us. But that I told Monsieur *Ognati* in one of my late Letters, *qu'ils nous feront François à la fin en dépit de nous mêmes*; that is, *They will oblige us at last, contrary to our inclinations, to close with the French*. And we are every day looking for my Lord of *St. Albans* to help us therein. But we shall take no new resolution till we have fought the *Dutch* once more, or despair of meeting them.

Just now I received a dispatch from our General, signifying their resolution to set Sail to morrow Morning; so that 'tis likely, before the arrival of this, you may hear of their being seen on the Coast of *Flanders*, expecting the coming of the Enemy, with what design we cannot imagine, whether to expect the *French*, or to go to them: both which have Riddles we cannot resolve. Neither is it more easie to us to believe, that an act of despair can prevail with them alone to come out, to Fight with our Fleet that so lately worsted them. And yet all that Mr. *Silvins* brings us, and that you wrote by him, very sufficiently upon that Point, directs us to entertain the last.

His Majesty is well pleased to read yours of the 31st. with those particular Discourses of the Count *de Guiches*, and Monsieur *de Gourville*; whose acquaintance

quaintance are very well worth the cultivating.

I hear nothing of my Letter to the Conde *Mereux*. Methinks you have ground enough to maintain us in their Arguments concerning *Portugal*. His Majesty hath done all, that lies in his Power, to incline them to such a moderation as might be acceptable to *Spain*. What effect can his Threats have upon them whilst he hath an united War of *France*, *Holland*, and *Denmark*; and the rest of Christendom for uncertain Friends, but the precipitating them into a nearer conjunction with *France*? And such a one as will make the Peace hereafter impossible, which is now only difficult. This Peace we wish as much for *Spain's* sake as *Portugal's*.

I am, &c.

August 31. 66.

S I R,

I Have yours of *September* the 3d. S. N. with an account in what condition the remaining *Munster* Moneys are. To which I can say no more, than what I have formerly, only that your endeavours therein are very acceptable to his Majesty, because if any loss be, he must sustain it. Which both Mr. Vice-Chamberlain, and Mr. *Backwell* have promised me they will concur in representing to his Majesty, when I shall call upon them.

Your Prognostick concerning the coming out of the *Dutch* Fleet, is made good. They are abroad, and so is ours too. We are only afraid ours have overshot themselves, in seeking them near their own Coast,

Coast, whilst they are, by our last Intelligence; brought us this day, said to be upon ours. But we comfort our selves with the belief we shall not be long finding them out; and so have a day for it to gratifie Monsieur *de Witt's* desperate resolutions, and our own warm desires; which I can assure you our Fleet are as full of as ever they were. God give us success.

Our Letters from *Spain* speak as uncomfortably of our Treaty there, as our Enemies can wish. A few more Posts to this Tune will oblige us to cast about for new Friends.

I pray keep your Correspondents still in *Holland*, to tell us the countenance of those People, after this Engagement. For, tho we have many that do it besides, yet we cannot have too many to confront what is said; and that occasion being over, it shall be left to your own choice to call them away, or continue them.

I am, &c.

September 10. 66.

SIR,

IN the Narrative you will see the cause why you have not heard from us, these two last Posts; during which Calamity, we did not think it fit to let any Letters go abroad. Now God be thanked we are come to our Wits again, and our quiet, and happy delivery from such a heavy *Judgment, makes us indifferent what

* *Meaning the Fire of London.*

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constructions will be made upon it abroad; since we do not think it can render the *French*, or *Dutch* more presumptuous than they were before, nor more averse from Treating with us. Whatever they say, it becomes us to submit patiently to this heavy Judgment.

I am, &c.

September 14. 66.

SIR,

I Have none of yours to acknowledge, since my last. This will be delivered you by an Express the *Spanish* Ambassadour is sending to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, with Letters, that are to be sent into *Spain*, by the said Express, or some body else, the Marquis shall think more proper. By which conveniency you must send the enclosed to my Lord *Sandwich*. And unless you can be morally sure they will be safely delivered to him, by the Marquis's Messenger, His Majesty's pleasure is, That you send a trusty one of your own choosing upon the place, accompanying the said Messenger; it importing much his Majesty's Service.

I am, &c.

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SIR,

September 21. 66,

S I R,

I Have yours of the 24th. with Two enclosed from my Lord *Carlingford*. To whom I have forbore to write these last Posts, because our direction for his return being positive, and agreeing with his own desire, I suppose he put them in execution.

We long to hear of the Arrival of the Baron of *Isola*. My Lord *Sandwich's* Letters give him a fair Character, as a Man perfectly well inclined to our Union with the house of *Austria*, and even upon the Terms we have propos'd at *Madrid*, but not hoping much in their admittance of them.

If he bring good Powers with him, we shall then make use of your Information, concerning the Emperour, mention'd in your former; not despairing but, before his Negotiation comes to any ripeness here, *Spain* may be more reasonable, or some Temperament found out to accommodate us better than there is yet any appearance of.

I hope you have received my long great dispatch to the Lord *Sandwich*, whereof I shall send you a duplicate, by the next, to be conveyed by as safe a hand.

I am, &c.

S I R,

September 28. 66.

SIR,

I Wrote nothing to you my self by the last Post: but, according to custom, took care you should receive an Extract of that little News we had before us. To which I have only to add now, That Prince *Rupert* in his way to the *Downs*, thought to have given the *Dutch Fleet* a Visit, which they perceiving went off before the Wind nearer their own Coasts.

I have yours of the 28th. of *September*, and 2d. of *October*. The latter from *Antwerp*. The former Discourfing very pertinently, to the Condition of our Affairs, at present in *Holland*, wherein you shall, by the next, see how our thoughts agree with yours; when I will send you his Majesty's Answer.

Whitehal, October 4. 66.

SIR,

HAving gotten His Majesty's leave to go four Days into the Country, and beginning my Journey to Morrow Morning early, I would not leave the Town without the satisfaction of acknowledging Two of Yours of the 5th. and 8th. current, S. N. if it be but to let you see how willing I am to humour your Correspondence, which entertains

me very well ; even whilst you send me no News.

I am glad to observe, with you, how Fertile that Countrey is in begetting it, always in our Favour ; even when there is no ground for it. 'Tis a sign of good Blood. I would they were as Sanguine in their opinion of our Affairs at *Madrid*. But of that we see no sign yet. On the contrary they will press my Lord *Sandwich* to answer Categorically, and speedily to Questions, which they must needs know he is not provided to do to their satisfaction. I have not time to enlarge upon this Subject.

I am, &c.

October 12. 66.

SIR,

IT hath fallen out that the Vessel that is to transport the Trumpeter, goeth not away till to Morrow ; so you must take care not to let the Letter go abroad, till you conclude it received by them.

At my return I found yours of the 12th. and 15th. one part relating to Mr. *Corney* : whom, as I assured you in a former you are not at all censured for having employed. Therefore after the caution given you, concerning him, it is in your own hands to use him or not, as you see cause.

The Experiment of casting new Cannon shall be put in the hands of some, that have had some of that kind.

I confess ingenuously to you, I do not like the other Propositions of the Two *Cells*. The King our Master can receive no Profit or Honour by such a War. And the Consequences of it must needs imbroil us with the Marquis; into whose Territories the Prisoners must be brought. I have been much indisposed, so I cannot answer your Proposition of agreeing with your advice concerning the 5000*l*. My single Opinion is you should do it. But, by the next, I will send you His Majesty's positive Order therein.

I have not yet seen Mr. *Corney's* relation. As for Mr. *Glanvill*, he was recommended to me; but since, after so fair a warning given him, he continues still to behave himself so impertinently towards you, I shall make no scruple to discard him.

Your Correspondent at the *Hague* writes to me very punctually; and, another there being of late frightened into a great silence, I should be glad, if he could do it with safety, that he continue it, and that you would in the Future, by the help of some of the Secretaries, help us to some accounts of their Transactions, which I know are daily gotten into other Countreys, and never failed us, till they were grown jealous upon Mr. *Buat*.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, October 15. 66.

SIR,

IN my last I promised to answer your Question whether, as the case stood, you should pursue the Process for the Five Thousand Pound, or compose the difference, as well as you could. His Majesty inclines to this latter way. And accordingly Commands you to make as good a Bargain for him as you can, and the sooner you do it the better, to take out of Mens Mouths the discourages of that Matter.

Yesterday I received yours of the 19th. with Two enclosed from Don *Antonio de Fointes*, to his Majesty and his Royal Highness: Neither of whom, nor the *Spanish* Ambassadour, nor my self can call to mind who this good Friend of his Majesty's is.

In my last I desired you to imploy your self in endeavouring to get us some new Correspondents out of *Holland*; the Letters of our old ones being intercepted, we suppose they venture to write no more to us. I hinted to you withal, the way, I thought the easiest, of getting a good one might be by some of the Marquis's Secretaries; who shall be paid for his Pains in sending quickly to us, what he receives from thence, of their publick Transactions; which I suppose that Court cannot be without, by the ease wherewith we have had it hitherto.

There is now in *Antwerp* a poor unfortunate Man called *Van Ruyben*, who about two Years since, was my Correspondent, and not a very ill one: but that, living remote from the *Hague*, his News came
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late to us. What the States jealousy hath been of him now, I cannot tell, but so it is, he is fled to *Antwerp*, and may be heard of at *Mr. Shaw*. In a Letter to *Mr. W.*--- he desires I would recommend him to your Protection, fearing the States may demand him, as a Traitor to his Countrey, of the Marquis. You will best judge your self how far you may venture to own him. But at the worst, offering him what you can afford him, it will be worth your asking him what way he can put you into of getting such Accounts, as he usually sent me; assuring him they shall be paid for, as he punctually was, till I dismissed his Correspondence, having met with a better: And after that deal with him as you shall see cause. The House of Commons have this Day sent us a Bill into the Lords House, we shall be very unwilling to pass, containing a total Interdiction of bringing over any *Irish* Cattle.

Just now I have Letters from my Lord *Sandwich* of the 19th. but being in *Cypher*, I cannot tell what they contain. I have likewise one from *Sir Robert Southwell*, who is come to *Madrid* with no good Message from *Portugal*.

I am, &c.

October 29. 66.

SIR,

I Have yours of the 23^d. and *November* the 2^d. *S.N.* the latter shews me you have been at *Charleroy*, and the condition that place is in to stop an Incurtion of the *French* whenever they shall undertake it; which sooner or later they will do, and when that

happens (for which they are at the mercy of the *French*, who will be the Aggressors when they think fit) *Spain* will be sorry, if they have not concluded with *England*: For we may be of use, to them, in their War; and do not look they should be of any to us, in ours.

In the great dispatch, I sent you for my Lord *Sandwich*, there were directions for his making a last effort; which not succeeding, he was ordered to offer a conclusion of Peace, not against, but without *Portugal*. So that we are daily expecting the success of his Negotiation, and are loath to hearken to any Overture from *France* (which we are not without) till we understand finally what we may depend upon from *Spain*: For this it is certain, That Crown owes us something, which perhaps they think themselves too big to acknowledge, tho they would not be to repent if things took another play.

Inclosed you have a Letter for the young *Rbine-Grave*, with whom I had a particular acquaintance in *Madrid*. If he be the same person I left him, he is very well worth your acquaintance. But for reasons you need not name to any body but himself that I am the Master of it, or enter into the occasion of my Letter, unless he himself shall think fit to open it to you; tho I mention you in it, as a Person I have an intire confidence in.

I am, &c.

SIR,

November 5. 66.

SIR,

I AM to beg your Pardon that I omitted the writing to you the last Post, and acknowledging yours of the 5th. S. N. Since which I have likewise yours of the 9th. but do not find, by either of them, that you have been able yet to improve those Overtures, made you from *Holland*, into any thing worth your own taking a Journey, or offering any thing to us.

Something *de Witt* perswades himself obliged to do, towards a Peace, to satisfy that party in his Countrey, that earnestly calls for it. But I am perswaded he will make no rare advances, till that party, by your prevalency at home force him to it. In which they have made some steps by the *States General*, resolving against this opinion, to communicate his Majesty's Letter to their Principals, which he did all he could to hinder from coming abroad. But your Care hath disappointed him therein; and, I believe, theirs will in making his *Manifesto* against it, and the resolution of sending some Body to his Majesty, to concert some things towards a Treaty at least.

I am sorry I cannot yet send you News that the Parliament is resolved upon the Fund, wherewith to raise the Money they have promised: and next, That I have not yet gotten his Majesty's determinate Pleasure for the supplying You out of the remaining Money in *Flanders*. I have done so much towards it, as to have gotten my Lord Chancellor
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on my side; and by the next I hope to give you satisfaction therein.

I am, &c.

November 12. 66.

SIR,

I Have Two of yours, of the 12th. and 16th. and in them both what Progress hath been made in the Overtures from *Holland*. Which, to deal plainly with you, is not, in my Judgment, very great: So I cannot but justify your resolution to expect what they will further say; till when no directions, will be sent you from hence, lest we should be used as we were in that at *Paris*, when the *States* were diverted from their purpose, of sending a Person hither, upon pretence that the matter was already under a Negotiation with the Queen Mother.

If this come not too late for it, I pray divert *Van Ruyben* from coming over. We can make no manner of use of him here. And he may be told that, if he hath deserved any thing of the King, he will find his reward more certainly, and effectually there; especially if he can put you into a good Intelligence for the future.

The Letters this day do not sufficiently explain to us, whether the *Swede* be indeed agreed with *Bremen*. It will be worthy your Care to inquire whether being so, they will be better, or worse Friends to *Holland*, who must have had a great hand in forcing them to Peace. Tho some Letters
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say it hath been the work of *France*, who were resolved to gratifie them for the disappoyntments, and expence of their Preparations, and have united them in a League against the House of *Austria*.

I am, &c.

November 16. 66.

SIR,

I Have yours of the 19th. with the original Letter from your Correspondent at the *Hague*; whose hand, by your means, I am well acquainted with. Which having imparted to his Majesty, and Lord Chancellor, they cannot think fit to make any variation in the directions, formerly given you, and by you hitherto observed. Which is still to offer your self, if need be, to a meeting, to that effect, at *Antwerp*, or any place else within his Catholick Majesty's Dominions. Repeating the Assurances, you have already given them, that his Majesty's intentions, and desires of a Peace, are very real and sincere. Tho, with all this, we doubt you will in the conclusion, find the best of their meaning can be only to draw Propositions from, and offer you none.

As for the Bishop of *Munster's* Dispute, you have it in your own Power to prosecute, or compose it as you shall see cause.

I am, &c.

SIR,

November 28. 66.

S I R,

I Have Two of yours to acknowledge, of the 23^d. and 26th. but have nothing to return you, in requital of your News, except an ill rumour we have here of some disorderly People, gathering together in the West of *Scotland*; which hath obliged his Majesty to dispatch away the Earl of *Rothsey*, lately arrived from thence.

We hear from *Holland* that the *States* are sending a Letter, a submissive one as they call it, to intreat his Majesty, without further insisting upon their sending an Envoy to him, to consent to the nomination of a Neutral Place, where the Parties concerned may meet to treat the Peace. The places that will be offered will be *Collen*, *Liege*, and *Dineldorp*. I see your Correspondent at the *Hague* hears no more from his Friend, whose answer, I suppose will refer to this Letter.

I am, &c.

November 30. 66.

S I R,

I Have received Two Letters from you this Week, but find but one of them to acknowledge of the 30th. *S. N.* which had, inclosed in it, a Copy of your last Letter to the *Hague*, fairly dismissing

dismissing your expectation from thence, and in a Stile very proper for their humour. His Majesty hath not yet received the *States Letter*; but it is come over in Print; which shews us the Mettle they are in, derived probably from the noise of our Distracti- ons here, and the Dictamens of the *French Court*. In the former, I hope they will be deceiv'd; for God be thanked, the Parliament's Temper mends; and from *Scotland* we are assured his Majesty's For- ces will quickly be Masters of the Rebels. The latter we must bear as well as we can. Lamenting much to observe that *Spain* cares not much for our Friendship, whilst they see us oppressed with so heavy a War, and deferring their agreement till *France* is broken with them.

My Lord of *Sandwich* writes me Word he had made the last tryal upon them, by offering to sign Sir *Richard Fanshawe's* Treaty, with some amend- ments, which he thinks they ought to admit off. We shall quickly see what is his Success, and con- sequently what to trust to, and, these hopes failing us, to betake our selves to new Measures.

I am, &c.

December 3. 66.

S I R,

I Have received Two of yours of the 3^d. and 7th. S. N. both of them Letters from your Corre- spondents in *Holland*: with whom I see they are glad to talk, but care not to advance any thing worth

worth the laying hold of, and accordingly it will not be amiss on your part to let the Commerce live, and perhaps some use may be made of it in the future, tho I do not see any can be at present.

If it should beget any Letter, or Overture to you, all the Answer you can properly make will be in promising to offer it to his Majesty, with all the advantage you can; and concluding still, as you have done, that his Majesty's Intentions and Desires of a Peace are very sincere.

Since my last, His Majesty hath received the *States General's* Letter by the hands of the *Swedish* Ambassadour: Who, like good Mediators, press the effect of it by endeavouring to incline his Majesty to Treat in a Neutral Place. Whereupon he hath taken no resolution yet, being not a little dissatisfied at their obstinate refusal, to send a Person hither, to comply with the Complemental point of Honour. To excuse which, the Ambassadours say, the *States* acknowledge it due to his Majesty, if they alone had a quarrel with him; but *France* and *Denmark*, being equally involved with them, and they being both * *Têtes Coronées*, * *Crown'd Heads*. without a Diminution to them, and a cause of Jealousie given, they cannot send any body hither.

I am, &c.

S I R,

Whitehal, December 10. 66.

SIR,

IF I had time for it, I should have acknowledged Two of yours by the last Post of the 3d. and 10th. currant, *S. N.* both of them full of your Discourse, concerning the Peace, which is a Subject not unpleasing to us. Tho, in appearance, little practical, considering how Opiniastre the *States Letter* shews them to be in requiring his Majesty to Treat the Peace in a Neutral Place.

I pray let not your Modesty, how becoming soever towards your self, deprive me of the satisfaction, of knowing all that occurs to you on this Subject; and, next this, upon our Negotiation at *Madrid*; the success or final despair of it would give us much ease, for the suspence disturbs all our Measures.

Besides this, we have Domestick Mortifications. Such a distrust is fallen into the Parliament, of the misapplication of the Money given to, and rising from the War, that they are unwilling to finish the dispatch of their new Gift, till they are satisfied of the well expending their former. This hath made them hasten a troublesome Proviso to the Poll Bill, now finished. The regulation, or rejection of which will cost some Strife and Time.

Here enclosed you receive a Letter from his Majesty to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*. Whereof a Copy goes for your own reading, and better instruction how to press his Excellency in giving his Majesty satisfaction in a point, that is very sensible to him, observing that many of his Seamen are entertained

tertain'd in *Flanders*, upon Merchants accounts, in this idle time of the Year, whose Services he shall want in the Spring, when the Fleet is to be set out. The Letter prescribes his Excellency a way for the sending them all home. But if it be not effectually done, either that way, or some other way, that may better agree with the Form of their Government. His Majesty will be infinitely disappointed, and his Excellency lose an opportunity of obliging his Majesty, as sensibly as he can, on any occasion within my view. Now you have the matter before you, your own Skill must direct you.

In my last I encouraged you to keep your Correspondent still at the *Hague*, foreseeing some occasions may make him useful to us there; and I am still more of the same mind, for reasons you shall know hereafter.

His Majesty's Commissioners in *Scotland*, are examining, and executing the Prisoners taken in this late Rebellion. We hope a little more than ordinary severity therein will deter others from the like undertakings, and give his Majesty some reputation abroad with those that had made a great matter of this. I could not get to speak with Mr. Alderman *Backwell*, since I received your last, nor with Sir *Philip Warwick*, but my Lord Treasurer, to whom I read your Letters, for the other Matters contained in them, assured me you should have content in your Payments.

I am, &c.

S I R,

December 31. 66.

S I R,

I should the last Post have acknowledged Two of yours brought me together, of the 24th. and 28th. as I have this Evening likewise Two more of the 31st. of *December*, and 4th. of *January*, S. N. In this latter, one from his Excellency to his Majesty, to whom I shall give the account in yours, of the Marquis's expressions of readiness to comply with his Majesty's desire of having all *English* Seamen dismissed from the Service there.

I have not had time to decypher my *Spanish* Letters.

Most part of our *Gottenburgh* Fleet is safely arriv'd.

The Letters this Night tell us of above Twenty *Dutch* Frigats designed through the Chanel, to join with Monsieur de *Beaufort*, who we hear is ready at *Brest*, with 24. of his best Men of War, to take in a Land Army, as 'tis given out there, to Invade *Ireland*: Whither we have sent this Account of their Preparations.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, January 7. 67.

S I R,

I Perceive, by yours of the 11th. S. N. That you know as much of our Negotiation at *Madrid*, as my Lord *Sandwich's* Letters have told us: So it will not be of any use to you that I dilate any farther upon that Subject.

When the Matters propos'd by my Lord *Sandwich*, shall be adjusted, and signed on both sides, it will be hard to say what further Tyes we shall enter into towards one another; and then it will be time enough to concert them. For we are far from believing they are such, as will give us present ease in this heavy War, that lies upon our shoulders, or that we shall be able to oblige them, for our sakes, to break with any of our Enemies.

I am, &c.

January 14. 67.

S I R,

I Have only yours of the 18th. to acknowledge, wherein, as from all parts else, I perceive how obstinately the *Dutch* continue in their resolutions of prosecuting the War, being heartned thereunto by the reports they have of our Divisions, and disputes in Parliament. Which have been indeed troublesome enough, and will cast us infinitely behind
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hand in our Preparations for the Campaign, but we hope we are near the end of them; the Roll Bill having been finished this day. And, I hope, notwithstanding the strong Union against us, we may defend our selves well at least.

A Letter coming to the *Swedish* Ambassadour, inclosing a Letter from the *States* to His Majesty, to press Treating in a Neutral Place; all that I can say, is, That His Majesty hath not discovered the altering his Resolution therein. The unlikeli-hood of any effect thereby hath made him more averse to it.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, February 15. 67.

SIR,

I Have yours of the 18th. to acknowledge; where-
in you tell me of your surprisal at his Maje-
sty's Resolution of sending into *Holland*. I had
long ago prepared you to be satisfied in your dislike
of sending to a Neutral Place; especially since it
was further insinuated to us, That no place in
Flanders would have been judged so by the Parties
who having refus'd likewise, long ago to consent
to the *Dutch* sending hither, there was nothing
left in our choice but the doing it, either at *Paris*,
or at the *Hague*. At this latter the point of Ho-
nour was best secur'd. Having to second it a be-
lief that the Universality there will take the offer
kindly of us, and, if it were not accepted, suffer

themselves to be easily undeceived of the Opinion they have ever had, That His Majesty was totally averse to the Peace: which hath likewise spread it self over all Christendom. In the mean time such as the offer is, we have no assurance that it will be accepted; and our Letters yesterday from *France*, shew us it is not at all agreeable to them, and that they are like to influence *Holland* by their Dissatisfaction. At all adventures, if you have not done it yet, His Majesty still persists in the opinion that you should cause his Letters to be Printed and Published. The effects of which is already divulged here, and His Majesty hath nam'd my Lord *Hollis*, and Mr. *Henry Coventry* for his Ambassadors, expecting the *States* Passport for their going safely to the *Hague*.

We have yet no News out of *Spain*. Our last Letters are only of the 14th. past. We hear this day that our Envoys, into *Portugal*, are return'd in the Ship they went in, now arriv'd at *Portsmouth*: but we know not yet what News they bring

I hope you do not omit the giving Mr. Vice-Chamberlain a particular Account of your Transactions upon the Tinn and dispute of the Twenty Thousand Pattacons. As we make our selves ready for the Peace, if it happens, so we go on with Preparations for War. God give us that which is best: And me many occasions to shew how truly

I am, &c.

The Earl of St. ALBAN'S

LETTER

To my

Lord ARLINGTON.

Paris the 16th. of February, 67.

My Lord,

I Arrived in this place on *Sunday* Night last, too late to do any more than to let the Queen know the substance of my Instructions, and extent of my Powers, and have some light Conference with her, how I was to proceed in Order to the Matter for which both were given me. I found her of Opinion, in reference to the Propositions of Monsieur de *Ruvigny's* Letter of the 24th. of *November*, That they were sincere, and such as without any difficulty would have been perform'd, if, without the Intervention of any thing new, the Execution thereof had been desired: But, perceiving the Demand of the Restitution of *St. Christopher's* was totally New, She could not tell what would be the Sence of this Court in that particular. Her first Advice was, That Monsieur de *Ruvigny* should be sent for, and that, according to the ancient Commerce between him and I, I should acquaint

him, as I had done the Queen, with the substance of my Instructions and Powers, and that we should make use of his Person for the finding out of that, which was so necessary for me to know, before I could proceed in the Execution of my Instructions. That is to say, Whether the things desired by his Majesty were like enough to be accorded, to engage me in the proposing of them, and declaring that I had Powers, in his Majesty's Name, to promise, if those things were approv'd of here, that his Majesty would Acquiesc therein, and Ratifie, as the substance and ground of the Peace, that was to follow. In pursuit of this purpose, Monsieur *de Ruvigny* coming to the Queen, he was charg'd with this Commission, but in the Execution of it to speak only from himself, and so, as whatsoever he were to find, whether approving, or rejecting of the Matter, the King to be no way expos'd. Monsieur *de Ruvigny* went herewith to the Court on *Monday*, and returned next Day with Difficulties, and Queries of several sorts, and no positive Resolution, neither in the Affirmative, or Negative, but desired to make another Journey after having received those satisfactions, I was able to give him, in relation to his Queries and Difficulties.

You must now take notice that Monsieur *de Ruvigny* asking me whether I would see Monsieur *de Lyonne*, if he came to Town? I told him, without any difficulty, that I would go see him at his House, but that it should be upon the foot of our ancient Acquaintance; but that he, Monsieur *de Ruvigny*, knew well by the freedom I had used with him, that I could not speak to him as a Person that had any Commission; I had but a Conditional One, that
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was to say, absolutely none at all, if that which the King desired were not accorded. Monsieur de *Ruvigny*, upon this light Discourse, thought good to say, before the King, that I had expressed thus much, touching the seeing of Monsieur de *Lyonne*. The King upon this said, There could be no harm in our meeting, and appointed Monsieur de *Lyonne* to come to see me at my Chamber in the Queens House, who accordingly came this Morning. I was surpriz'd to see him, in effect, not having the least expectation of it, and told him, tho I had no Commission in relation to which I could say any thing to him; yet I was not displeas'd at the meeting, which perhaps upon the foot of our Ancient Commerce, might minister Facilitations to that which we both desired a good Conclusion of. Hereupon began a long and a free Conference, whereof you are to receive the most exact Account that I can give you, and that is the material Subject of this Dispatch.

He begun to enlarge himself upon the inequality of the Demand of the restitution of *St. Christophers*; that, contenting our selves, in Order to the *Hollanders*, that things should remain in the state the Fortune of the War had put them, there was no reason to proceed otherwise with *France*: That tho the thing in it self were not of very great Importance; yet it was that, that in Honour the King his Master could not consent to: That their Men had been attack'd there; desiring nothing more than to have lived like good Neighbours together; and that at last, which he could not tho fully affirm, but had had some Information leading thereunto, that their Men had since their Victory bought the Lands of the *English*, and payed them a considerable

Sum of Money, which in case of reddition of the Land, would be likewise to be rendred to them. But, in fine, Concluding that the King could not dispose himself to render *St. Christophers*, I answered that it was very hard to believe that the King his Master could desire so Important a matter, as this Agreement, as earnestly as he profess, and allow it to be diverted by so little a One, as the Keeping, or Leaving that which hath been taken of ours in *America*: That I was very sorry to find that Inclination; and that in fine, if it did not change, that this matter was to end, for that nothing was more certain than that the King, my Master, would most firmly stick to the having all, that hath been taken in *America*, restored. After this, he fell upon the Discourse of the Friendship the King, his Master, might promise himself, might be agreed upon between the King and him, as that which might be a great Inducement to do in the matter of *St. Christophers* one way or the other. That it might fall out that, even at the same time, the King his Master should be perswaded to that, he conceives ought not in reason to be required of him. The King is entred into Alliances, very contrary to the Interests of *France*; or, if already he were not, might every hour. I told him I did not well know what that meant; but that I could assure him, there was nothing yet done in the Treaty at *Madrid*. He asked me if I could promise there would be nothing done: I answered, that to that I had nothing to say. In fine, hereupon he began to open himself, and told me this was now the Point that prest, that they could not perswade themselves to part with their Acquisitions for nothing, but upon assurances of the King's Friendship

ship they would make no difficulty. I thought it to purpose, upon this occasion, to tell him that if he meant, by what he said, a Conjunction against the House of *Austria*, that he would find no Disposition to it; but, if it were without that Consequence, that, I believed, they ought to assure themselves of meeting as good Inclinations, as they could be disposed to advance. He told me they desired, in the first place, to be tied together, by the best Alliances that the Interests of both Kingdoms had need of, and that they were at present ready for them; but that that being a work of Time, they would content themselves to be assured, as they were disposed to give the same assurances for themselves, that, for the Space of a Year, they should mutually promise, there should be no Leagues contracted with any Prince, State or Potentate contrary to the Interest of each other. And hereupon, because there should be no mistaking of what he said, he took a Paper out of his Pocket, which he desired to read to me, as that which I might give account of to be the Sence and Desire of the King, his Master, and, when he had read, desired likewise that I would keep it, to be sure not to mistake him. And, because I will be most sure, I send you the very Copy of the Paper word for word.

I suppose I proceed in this without any conformity to my Instructions; for, as I entred into discourse with him, upon the Declaration of doing it upon the foot of our ancient Acquaintance, and without any relation to a qualified Capacity, I received his Paper so, and the Paper confining it self to the same thing, to which my Instructions limit me, that is to say, not to aim at any Conjunction against *Spain*, I thought, I ought to send it as an

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Expedient that takes away the difficulty of the rendition of *St. Christophers*. And the satisfaction this Paper propoſeth, doth not only take away the difficulties belonging to *St. Christophers*, but puts the buſineſs of the Peace in the ſtate of having none behind, that I can foreſee. For all behind is but matter of Order and Form, in which they profeſs to affect nothing of Punctilioes, or ſtriving for the Advantage that in ſuch rencounters are often inſiſted upon; ſo they go but in the trodden Paths of ſigning by ſuch Powers, as are uſual, and with the rules they cannot go out of with their Allies, and that the manner of the Ratifications be concerted, the ways moſt agreeable to the King will moſt pleaſe them, but profeſſing too the ſhorteſt, the ſureſt and the leaſt expenceful, to be the fitteſt, to be choſen. And, if ſome other Expedient be not better than the ſending to a Neutral Place, where there may be preſent all the Parties for the laſt hand to be given to the Peace, and the interchanging of Ratifications, they would not be againſt a Neutral Place.

I muſt obſerve to you, That my Inſtructions are very Defective in one Particular, they do not mention *Denmark*, which was a Member of the Propoſition of *Ruvigny's* Letter, of the 24th. of *November*, and that which, if we could have removed the difficulties of *St. Christophers*, would have been a difficulty for the Concluſion of this firſt Matter: For *Denmark* muſt have been comprized in it as well as *Holland*, and *France*. Therefore pray remember, if the whole expire not, which I hope it will not, to direct me in that particular.

I do further repreſent to you that, if it pleaſes God to diſpoſe things ſo towards this Peace, as
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that the Preamble to it, now in Agitation, do come to any Signature, Powers Apart, and Absolute, will be expected, and such as are to be shewn when they are directed and Limited by Instructions: of which likewise I intreat you to take such care, as that, I being in no doubt how to govern my self, there need be no fear that I should commit any Error to the Prejudice of his Majesties Service.

It is perhaps unseasonable to speak to you of that, which is to follow this present business, which is yet so uncertain whether it will be done or not, but in all Events, since it goes to the saving of Time, I suppose it is not amiss to say a word, or two to you touching the Consideration of what is to be done, in case this Proposition be retained, to bring it to a perfect end. If a Neutral Place be thought upon, there must be Mediators to assemble the Interested Persons, and the Regulation of all the Formalities, belonging to such a Meeting, would be a matter of no little Discussion. A shorter, and an easier way, in my Judgment, would be to agree upon set Times, for the parting of the respective Ambassadors of all the Parties, and to take set Times likewise for Exchange of Ratifications. But, having writ thus far, there is now arrived Monsieur *de Ruvigny*, with a Paper, given him by Monsieur *de Lyonne*, of this Subject, more proper for your Information than any thing I can add: therefore I send you the very Paper.

This is all I can recollect fit for your Trouble, I intend to go to Morrow, being spoiled of the suspicion of having any publick capacity, to wait upon the King as the Queens Domestick, and in that capacity to make my Compliments to the Ministers, see all my Friends, and live with them as I use to do.

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If you give me occasion; by the liking that which goes to you, of assuming another Character, it will be easily done. God of Heaven keep you. I am with all sorts of respect;

My Lord,

Your Lordships

Most Humble Servant,

S^t Alban.

P. S.

THIS Paper of Monsieur *de Lyonne's* is a Paper, that he put into the Form, as if I wrote it to the King, which I observe to you, to the End that you may the easier conceive the Intention, and the meaning of it. And whereas it does not speak positively, in the promising part of that which is to be done here, for the restitution of all they have taken
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in *America*, and the holding constant to all the Propositions of Monsieur de *Ruvigny's* Letter of the 24th. of *November*, and consenting to every thing besides, added in my Instructions, to be insisted upon, yet I dare take upon me to tell you that his Majesty, disposing himself to do on his part that which is proposed for the Assurance of taking no Engagement, contrary to the Interests of *France*, in the space of one year, *France* engaging it self for the like in the behalf of the King, that the Intention is to satisfie entirely to the full Intent of that, which I am ordered to insist upon; this I say not only as my own Opinion, but as *Ruvigny's* Explication of it, that was present at the Council when it was framed.

Monsieur

*Monsieur de Lyonne's
Paper sent to my
Lord St. Albans by
Monsieur de Ruvigny,
touching the Ex-
change of Ratifica-
tions.*

Le Papier du Mon-
sieur de Lionnes, en-
voyé a mi Lord
St. Albans par Mon-
sieur de Ruvigny,
touchant l'eschange
des Ratifications.

IF the Articles of
Peace can but be a-
greed upon, they do not
desire here to take any
manner of advantage, di-
rectly or indirectly, ei-
ther upon the Signing,
or upon the Form of Ex-
changing the Ratificati-
ons.

There is no more but
one Essential, and in-
dispensably necessary Ar-
ticle, and that is, That
whatever is transacted be
always in a concert with
*France, Denmark, and
the States*; and that the
Powers speak in this Lan-
guage.

SI l'on peut convenir
des conditions de la
Paix, n'affectera point
icy de prendre aucun a-
vantage, direct ny indi-
rect, soit pour la signa-
ture, soit pour la forme
de l'eschange des Rati-
fications.

Il ny a qu'une condi-
tion essentielle, & absolu-
ment indispensable, qui est,
que tout ce, qui se fera,
se fasse tous jours conjoint-
ement avec la France,
le Danmarke, & les E-
stats; & que les pouvoirs
parlent de la sorte.

As touching the Exchange of the Ratifications, they have here three different Opinions, which may be followed, without insisting upon any one more than another.

Either the King of Great Britain should transmit his Ratification to the Queen his Mother, and that the King of France, the King of Denmark, and the States should in like manner deposit theirs in the hands of the same Queen; who should afterwards deliver to each one that, which they ought to have.

Or that the Kings and the States should send each a Minister to a Neutral Place, where the exchange of the said Ratifications might be executed by the assistance of the Swedish Ministers, who have the Mediation in hand.

Or that a certain day be verbally agreed upon, when the King of Great

Touchant l'eschange des Ratifications, on a eu icy trois diverses pensées, qui se pourroient practiquer sans affectation plus particuliere de l'une, que de l'autre.

Ou que le Roy de la Grande Bretagne envoye sa Ratification a la Reine sa Mere, & que le Roy, le Roy de Denmark, & les Estats fassent aussi mettre les leurs, entre les mains de la dite Dame Reine, & qu'elle baille apres à chacun des Ministres s'elle, qu'il den'ra avoir.

Ou que les Roys, & les Estats envoient chacun, un Ministre dans un lieu neutre, ou ceuxcy feront entr'eux les Eschanges des dites Ratifications par le moyen des Ministres Suedois, qui ont la mediation en main.

Ou que l'on convienne verbalement d'un jour, au quel le Roy de la Grande Britain

Britain shall send one Ambassador to *France*, and another to *Denmark*: and that upon the same day, the King of *France*, and the King of *Denmark* shall send, each an Ambassador into *England*, and that they agree, at the same time, upon a certain day, when every King shall deliver his Ratification to the respective Ambassadour, which shall arrive at his Court.

But it is to be observed that, in this last project, there will remain some difficulty about the *States*: that is to say, It is uncertain, whether the King of *England* will in like manner send the same day an Ambassadour to the said *States*; as also whether they will be content without it, because they do positively resolve to send an Ambassadour into *England*, in order to Treat upon the Regulation of a Commerce, so

Bretagne fera partir un Ambassadeur, pour venir en *France*, & un autre, pour aller en *Denmarke*, & qu' au même jour le Roy, & le Roy de *Denmarke*; fassent aussi chacun partir un Ambassadeur pour aller en *Angleterre*. Et qu'on convienne aussi, en même temps d'un autre jour, au quel chacun des Roys donnera sa Ratification à l' Ambassadeur de l' autre, qui sera arrivé dans sa Cour.

Il est à remarquer qu', en ce dernier partie, on ne sçait pas bien comment la chose pourroit se practiquer à l'esgard des *Estats*: c'est à dire qu'on ne sçait pas si le Roy d' *Angleterre* voudroit aussi envoyer, le même jour, un Ambassadeur aus dits *Estats*: ny si ceux cy se contenteroient qu' il n'en envoyast point, par ce qu' ils s'ont bien demeurez d' accord d' envoyer un Ambassadeur en *Angleterre* pour traiter du Reglement du Commerce a-
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soon as the Peace is signed and ratified; but it is not so sure that they will send this Envoy, before the Exchange of the Ratifications. Which are submitted to the King of Great Britain, or to propose some other, and so, that he will take no manner of advantage, direct, nor indirect, any more than they here, the King will employ his endeavours to oblige his Allies to accept of it, of whose intention he is at present ignorant.

pres la Paix signé & ratifié; mais on ne sçait pas s'ils voudroient faire cet Envoy, avant l'eschange des Ratifications. Tel Parti qui plaira le plus au Roy de la Grande Bretagne, ou s'il en propose quelqu'autre, ou il ne veuille point prendre d'avantage direct ou indirect, comme on ne le veut pas prendre de deça, le Roy s'employera pour le faire accepter par ses alliés dont il ne sçait pas encore l'intention.

February 22. 67.

SIR,

I Have yours of the 22d. and 25th. your Stile, with the enclosed from *Holland*. What I have to tell you, in answer to your News, is, That last Night the *Swedish* Ambassadors told his Majesty, they had a Letter from the *States*; in Answer to his; but, not knowing whether the Contents of it would be pleasing to him, durst not deliver it. His Majesty pressing to know it, they gave him a Copy of it, the effect of it was to recommend to His Majesty the choice of One of Three Places, *Bolduc*, *Breda* or *Mastricht*, wherein to Treat the Peace, for the Situation, and Garrison, rather than the *Hague*, an open place, where the persons of the Ambassadors might not be so safe, as was manifest in former examples. His Majesty thanked the Ambassador for not delivering him the Letter, since he could by no means consent to what he desired. Thus we are yet to expect a new Answer to our offer, which, I suppose, will come when they have consulted with *France*.

I am, &c.

*A Relation of the Conference between
the Earl of St. Albans, the English
Ambassador, and Monsieur de Ly-
onne Minister of France.*

Touching the Treaty of Peace, &c.

In a Letter from France to Holland, Feb. 26. 67.

S I R,

I N pursuance of my last of the 11th. of *February*, I know, that two days after, here arrived within *Paris* the Earl of *St. Albans*. The Marquis de *Ruvigny* had in *December* last with privy of the *French Court* written to his Lordship at *London*, That the Terms of Peace presented by the *States General*, to leave matters in the state to which by the War they are brought, ought to be accepted by the King of *England* with all readiness, and that the shortest way to come to a fruitful Conclusion, would be the reassuming of the Negotiation begun before in the Queen-Mother of *England's* Palace, and that the said Earl of *St. Albans* might return into *France* with power to that end. And whereas the said Earl by his Answer to that Letter, and by several other Letters, had given very good hopes afterwards both to the Queen-Mother of *England*, and the Marquis de *Ruvigny*, that coming to *Paris* again, he

should bring a long with him very good Orders and Instructions to that purpose, the said Marquis took the occasion of a visit presently given to the Earl of *St. Albans* upon his arrival, to know the truth of the Premises. But the Earl held himself reserved, alledging at that time, that he would enlarge when he came to speak with the Minister the Lord *de Lyonne*.

Sir, Hereupon his most Christian Majesty found good, that the Lord *de Lyonne* should receive this Overture, with order to communicate the same to the Heers *Petcom* and *Van Beuningen*, Ministers of *Denmark* and of the *United Provinces*.

The Lord *de Lyonne* then went to the Earl of *St. Albans*, and returning back thence, related all to the said Ministers, as he had done to the King himself.

My Lord of *St. Albans* said first and declared, That he had order from the King of *England*, to make a Proposal of Peace, and if it were accepted, to take the Character then of his King's Minister, to procure a good Conclusion of Peace with the High and Mighty *States General*; but if the said Proposal were rejected, then not to intermeddle at all with any Treaty for Peace.

The Earl's Proposals being thereupon made, consisted of the following Points:

That the King of *England*, in regard of the *States General*, had accepted the Proposal of a Conclusion of Peace, upon condition that each one was to remain in possession of what was taken, and that the Treaty of the Year, 1662. made with the *States General*, should be observed as the Future Treaty. Item, That at *London* a Sub-treaty should be for an understanding about a Treaty *de Marine*. But that in regard of *France*, restitution be made of what

what each possessed before the War. And that consequently, what by the Arms of *France* had been taken in the *Caribby Islands* from the *English*, should be evacuated and restored to them.

The Lord *de Lyonne* thereupon answered, That he fully knew the *French King's* mind about that, and could positively declare, that he would not give way to it; and held himself assured that his Confederates would firmly insist with him upon the Rule of leaving each in the enjoyment of what he hath, according to which the matter might be concluded, and that this prejudicial reserve, in regard of his King, ought not to be made. The rather because in the said *Islands* the *English* had forced the *French* to Hostility, whereby the demand was the more just, of not being bar'd from the benefit of the satisfaction in hand.

The said Minister *de Lyonne* further enquired, whether my Lord of *St. Albans* had not also Order to conclude the matters with *Denmark*?

The Earl declared hereupon, that his Orders extended not thereunto.

Monsieur *de Lyonne* then said, That it was notwithstanding necessary, and that such necessity being ignored in *England*, this omission in the Proposals made, gave rational Umbrage, that in *England* it was not the meaning that this business should be so soon dispatched at *Paris* by the Earl of *St. Albans*, but jealousies and debates cast in between his most Christian Majesty and his Confederates: And it was the more unapparent, since it was not observed that the Earl had brought any Person with him to assist in the work of the Treaty for Peace at *Paris*. Nay, that at *London* the Chancellor had positively promised the *Swedish* Mediators, that as

soon as the Parliament was up, a satisfactory Answer should be given to their Memorial desiring a Cessation of Arms, and the election of a Neutral Place.

In the said Conference hapned yet further debates concerning the submitted Question about Restitution or Non-restitution of the foresaid *Islands* taken. In which the Earl of *S. Albans* had endeavour'd to shew they were of great value, the better to work out his Master the King of *Great Britain's* intentions.

They spake also about the Forms of Treating, and concerning the Conclusion thereof.

Also concerning the Interchange and Order to be observed in the Ratifications, and what should be done concerning the signing of the Treaties.

The Earl propos'd and mov'd, that each might perform it in his Lodging, without any meeting to be for that.

And as to the extradition of the Ratification propos'd, that the same might be brought over either by Ambassadors on a prefix'd day, to and again to be sent, or might be delivered in a Neutral Place.

The final Conclusion of all was, That the said Earl in regard his said Proposal was reject'd, shew'd great dissatisfaction at what had hapned unto him, and undertook to write over all this by an Express to the King of *England*, to sollicit his further Intentions in general, and in particular about the thing propos'd for *Denmark*.

Mean while, the *Danish* Ambassador had also declared that he was provided of Order and Instructions to treat here at *Paris*.

The Low-Country extraordinary Minister was likewise desired by the Lord *de Lyonne* to procure like

like Orders and Instructions from the *States General*, for which he wrote by his Letters of the 18th. of *February*, that the same might be sent by, or commended to, some Person, in case the Negotiation within *Paris* did proceed.

After this Conference was ended, the Secretary *Puffendorf* communicated to the *French Court* a Copy of the King of *England's* Letter of the 31st. of *January*, *O. S.* whereby the *Hague* is proposed as the Place for the Treaty of Peace, as you know with what more of complaisance and sweet Terms is adjoyned, and what the *Swedish* Mediators had added, which I stir not, because I am satisfied that you, and all the World see, by the period about a Cessation, that the King of *England* is enclined to it, as it is proposed by the Mediators, if the adverse Party might be so too.

Sir, This News came unexpected to the *French Court*, and was by his most Christian Majesty received, and by his Council, with strong reflections, that the choice of the *Hague* for the Place of Treaty was resolved by his Majesty of *Great Britain*, not so much to accelerate Peace, as out of a close design to frame Intrigues in the State of the *United Republick* by his Ministers, and, if possible, to open the way to succeed finally in the known Design, not to terminate this War, without impairing, by one means or other, the faithful Friendship between the *French Crown* and the *United State*.

When the Minister *Van Beuningen* understood this, he laboured all he could to remove this suspicion, and to introduce this consideration, That the King of *England* having such weighty Reasons to desire Peace, his declared Intention to set it forward with all speed might be looked upon as Sincere

and Upright. That there might indeed lurk some secret Design in the purpose to send to the *Hague*, but that the circumspection of the *States General* would be sufficient to prevent the evil Effects thereof. Especially since there is not any the least appearance in the present posture of Affairs and Humours, that the Aims of such as wish disorder in the *United State* can succeed, or any gap be made in the Amity betwixt the *French Crown* and our *State*.

He might be ignorant what their High and Mighty Lordships Thoughts upon this may be, but the said Minister was of Opinion, that speaking his own sence to this Effect, he hazarded nothing. Forasmuch as if it proved consonant to the sence of the *United State*, his remonstrance might serve to make it relish in the *French Court*, and in case not, it would still be easie to make that Court like well of that whereunto we shew our selves inclined of our own accords.

But really what he in that sence did represent, proved fruitless. And after several Debates had gone upon this Subject in the King's Council here, at last on the 24th. of *February*, last past, The Lord *de Lyonne* declared to him, that the *French King* conceived the Proposal of Treating at the *Hague* not adviseable for the good of his own or the *States General's* Affairs.

That his Majesty desired all that might accelerate a Conclusion of Peace, but therefore could not approve a Proposal within which he conceived lay a design to disturb the whole Treaty for Peace. That one might be almost as soon at *Liege* as at the *Hague*, and that through retardment in the Resolves of the *States General*, in that place, as little delay

delay would be as at the *Hague*. Principally if the *English* are clear and sincere, and keep back nothing, nor innovate ought touching the Declaration and Proposal which the Earl of St. *Albans* made, as aforesaid, touching the Conditions of a Conclusion of Peace with the *States General*.

That this sudden complaisance of the *English* to Treat within the Territory of the *United State*, after they had so many Months together without reason rejected the Proposal of Neutral Places, is in it self suspicious. But that it becomes so the more, in respect that the King of *England*, at or near the same time when he propounds the *Hague* for the place of Treaty, and thereby shews such promptness to send his Plenipotentiaries with the greatest Expedition thither, hath made an Overture by the said Earl in *France* to proceed there to a Negotiation for Peace, with a Proposal, which now appeareth clearly enough to be employed only, were it feasible, to awake feud and difference among the Confederates.

That in the *French* Court advices were come, That the *English* Resolve was not taken without the Participation of the Imperial Minister *Isola*, and by such who willingly would see the disturbance of the Peace and Amity which is between the *French* King and the Lords *States General*, is considered and lauded as a Master-piece of a cunning Understanding. That the *English* make shew as if they would flatter the *States General*, and captate their Benevolence with the Demonstration of great ready willingness to proceed to an Accord with them, when at the same time they refuse in *France* to relinquish St. *Christopher's* Island, taken by the *French* King, without which his said Majesty declares

declares that he will proceed to no Peace, whereby to play their game according to the Answer they shall receive upon these Advances, both from the *French Court* and at the *Hague*.

The more to confirm these Thoughts in the *French Court*, it hapned that those of the *Danish Minister* here jumpt with them, and that he hath represented himself the very like unquietnesses of his Spirit touching the Treaty at the *Hague*, to his Majesty here, and to his Council.

Touching the Cessation of Arms, the said Minister *de Lyonne* declared to the *Low-Country Minister*, that his *French Majesty* would be glad to know the *States General's* resolution, with Intentions willingly to agree thereunto in case they were acceptable to them.

This is what since the arrival of the Earl of *St. Albans* hath passed in the *French Court* to the 26th. of *February*, 1667. which I could not forbear to impart to you. And so praying God for your Preservation, I rest,

Your most Obedient Servant,

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P. S. Somewhat intervenes in the King's Council, but the Post is going away; the said Majesty proposes the Town of *Dover*. Expect by my next the Reasons alledged for it in Council.

His

His Britannick Majesty's Letter to the Queen, his Mother.

La Lettre de sa Majesté Britanique a la Reine, sa Mere.

IF I do understand the Proposition made to me by my Lord St. Albans, as the Foundation, upon which the Peace must be made, the Answer and Declaration, I now send your Majesty, will be satisfactory, and such as is expected. I must first tell your Majesty that I expect every day to hear that my Lord Sandwich hath signed the Treaty at Madrid, which is only a Treaty of Commerce, and not in the least degree with prejudice to France; from which I restrained him against all Temptations. And I do hereby Declare and Pro-

SI j'entend bien la Proposition, que le Comte de St. Albans m'a avancé, comme le fondement, sur le qu'elle Paix, se doit faire, la réponse & declaration, que j'envoie presentement à votre Majesté, sera satisfactoire, & telle que l'on attend. En premier lieu il faut dire à votre Majesté que j'attend de jour à autre de sçavoir que le Comte de Sandwich ayt signé le Traité de Commerce, & en nulle circonstance prejudicable à la France; Et par la presente, je declare, & promets en parole de Roy, que je n'ay pris jusques icy, & ne prendray, au moins d'un

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mise in the word of a King, that I yet have not, nor will, for the space of a Year to come, enter into any Treaty, or make any new tye with any Prince, or Potentate that may be contrary, or in which I will be engaged against the Interest of France. And, in that time, I shall be willing to enter into such a Treaty with France, as may produce a Union, that may prove most advantagious and beneficial for all our Dominions. And I am sure your Majesty will pass your word, that I will not fail in any thing I promise.

anneé entiere, aucune nouvelle Liaison avec aucun Roy, Prince, ou Potentat, qui soit contraire à la France, ou pour la quelle je puis être engagé contre les interest de la France. Et, dans ce temps la, je seray bien aise d'entrer en telle Traité avec la France, qui puisse produire une union avantageuse, & utile à tous nos communs Estats. Et je suis assuré que vôtre Majesté donnera sa parole de ce, que je ne manqueray pas à ce que je promets.

The Earl of *ARLINGTON*'s

LETTER

To my

Lord *SANDWICH*.

Whitehal, February 28. 67.

My Lord,

MY last acknowledged the Receipt of your Excellency's of ^{Jan. 22.} _{Feb. 1.} and promised you a more particular account of the matter of it than I am yet able to perform, because, tho' the King, and my Lord Chancellor read it, and conceive fully thereby where your Negotiation stops, and that it lies upon us to give you New Directions how to proceed; yet we are so taken up with the Probabilities of making a Peace with *Holland* by the Concurrence of *France*, that we cannot think it falls out very unhappily to us, to be naturally and unaffectedly brought to such a delay with *Spain*, so that it will be your Excellencies business to entertain it for some time, by expostulating with them for pressing us so hard in the point of *Portugal*, whom perhaps by time, we might reduce to Reason, but by great and violent Urgencies

Urgencies shall throw irrecoverably into the Arms of *France*, where we are assured, whatsoever is said, they are not yet; their Treaty not being finished with them for these Reasons.

His Majesty wilhes you would keep to your resolution taken of dividing the Treaty into Two Parts, and readily offer to Sign that of the Commerce positively, the other conditionally, that *Portugal* will accept of it, but without obliging His Majesty to abandon them; if they do not, His Majesty being not yet come in His Resolutions so far for the Reasons above told you. What He may do hereafter, when *Portugal* shall be united with *France*, and our Quarrel grow more desperate with them, I know not.

France, whom His Majesty endeavoured by my Lord St. *Albans* to render inclinable to the Peace, shewed at first a great easiness in it, but since they seem'd to have humour'd the *Dutch* in insisting upon unreasonable Conditions, so as we have cause to doubt their Sincerity towards us. And tho in a Letter they wrote lately to the *States*, they recommended to them the coming to Treat at *Dover*, yet that Letter is full of so many malicious Reflections on His Majesty, that we can by no means like it; and among them one a notorious Untruth, where they say my Lord St. *Albans* was in that Court with a full Power to Treat the Peace there, for which they give a scurvy Excuse, that if they had thought of it they would not have put it in. Notwithstanding which some of our Friends there, who pretend to know their Minds much, say, their Intentions are very Sincere towards Us, and pretend to know that their Resolution to break with *Spain* this Spring, makes them wish a Peace; least
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being broken, and such a notorious Jealousie given to *Holland* by so powerful an attempt upon *Flanders*, as they shall make, *Holland* should break from them, clap up a Peace with us, and unite afterwards with us and *Spain* in the Defence of *Flanders*: On the other side, *France* is so powerfully Armed, that if they do not think fit to break presently with *Spain*, we have reason to apprehend they will turn their whole force upon Us. This is the present condition of our Affairs, upon which your Excellency must take your measures as wisely as you can upon the place, by Temporizing with them, offering to Sign the Treaty of Commerce a-part, and endeavouring to give *Portugal* the Title which only can content them, and is the only expedient for the delivery of themselves from a War within their own Bowels, which will be heavier to them than all the other Impressions *France* can make upon them.

I am, &c.

The Earl of St. *ALBAN*'s

L E T T E R

To my

Lord *ARLINGTON*.*Paris, March 6. 67.**My Lord,*

BY my last to the King, I gave you notice that I had seen Monsieur *de Lyonne*, and that I expected an Account from him of that which the return of *Mollins* would produce in this Court; very contrary to that I look'd for, which was the concluding presently the Preliminaries of the Peace. There is started up a new Difficulty that I had no reason at all to apprehend, that *Polleron*, which in truth ought to have been quite out of the way as an Article consented to in the number of those of my Instructions, is by *Van Buningen* so insisted upon, that, without it may be retained by his Masters, he refuseth to sign. There is also a Letter, whereof you will here receive a Copy, writ to the *Hague*, in which there is a Clause wherein they here do take occasion to say that the King, my Master, had sent me hither with Powers to treat a Particular, that they had never any reason given them from me to be able to say, and which they seem not to be likely to have said to any good Intention.

Finding their two Particulars, in the Answer I received from Monsieur *de Lyonne*, in Order to
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that which I was to make to you upon the return of *Mollins*, I found them both so contrary to that I was in expectation of, and to all sorts of good reason, that I went presently to *St. Germans* with my Complaints, where I represented all I could collect pertinent to the matter.

I found that in the first Particular, touching *Polleron*, that they confest willingly enough the Error of not having cleared the point before *Mollins* was sent from hence, but avowing after that they could not prevail with *Van Beuningen* to Sign without retaining it to his Masters. To the other, that seeing I complained, and upon reasons that did not occur to them before, that they were very sorry, and if it were to do again, would be far from falling into the same Error: That the reason of the Clause, was to make their proposing of *Dover* for the Place to Treat in, seem the more reasonable for them to propose, and that there was no ill Intention in the Matter. Notwithstanding all this they insisted very much that a Dispatch, suitable to the Project that they had framed before my Complaints, should be sent to you: To which I made Answer, That I did not know whether the Queen would consent to charge her self with it. They desired me to try. She hath made great difficulty, but in the end, Monsieur having been sent by the King to perswade her to send it away, she hath resolved to do it, and herewith the whole goes, which to the end I may render the more intelligible to you, I will set down the Order of it, and add after as much, as I conceive fit to represent to you upon the whole matter.

The Paper beginning, *le courrier que j'avois de peché, &c.* is the Letter which Monsieur de *Lyonne*

desired I should write to the King: You cannot have the Contents of that Paper better represented to you than by the Paper it self.

The other Paper beginning, *Il faut que je vous escrive plusieurs choses*, is a Paper the Contents whereof Monsieur de Ruvigny was charg'd to solicit the representation of by me, as from my self, which likewise I cannot better represent than by sending the Paper to you, and is of Monsieur de Lyonnes.

It rests now, that I give you account of my Judgment of this whole matter. It is most true that here is an extravagant Proceeding, but 'tis as true, that there is a sincere Desire of the Peace, and that, if the matter of *Polleron* could be got out of the way, it were in the King's hands to conclude the next Moment with the satisfaction of all the particulars of my Instructions. And, if an Information come hither be True, there is nothing can hinder Signing of the Peace presently, at least the Preliminaries.

I send you a Third Paper, which is this King's Letter to the *States*, in Answer of the Proposition of the meeting of the *Hague*, which Proposition he refuseth, and proposeth in place of it to go to *Dover*, *Mastricht*, *Breda*, or *Boisleduc*.

The Proposition of *Dover* doth, in some sort, take away the Umbrages of the ill Clause in that Letter, and I hope we shall not be so Angry at that unnecessary, and ill Clause, as to refuse so good a Proposition, as going to *Dover* to Treat, because they come both from the same hand.

In fine, our whole matter is now reduced to these Two Points, How we shall accommodate the Articles of *Polleron*; and, if we can, in what Manner we shall make the next Steps; whether we shall
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conclude, and Sign the Preliminaries here, and after go to *Dover*, or *Canterbury*: For, if the Plague be at *Dover*, *Canterbury* will please as well, and in either of those Places Ratifie, and Exchange the Ratifications; or whether the whole Treaty shall be transferred thither to you, and the respective Ambassadors of the Parties ordered to part presently to meet in *England*, for I will not so much as suppose, that having your choice whether you will have them there, at *Mastricht*, *Breda* or *Boisleduc*, that it can possibly fall out to desire the Meeting to be but in his Majesty's Dominions, which sure is an Advantage in point of Dignity, and Decency, that ought to be laid hold on.

You will again be pleased to take notice that if you do appoint any thing to be done here, other Powers will be necessary for me to have than those I brought; Powers that must mention the Signing with *Denmark* and *Holland*, as well as with *France*.

And to the end, That, if this difficulty of *Colle-ron* can be gotten out of the way, and that the Resolution after fall out to be, to Sign the Preliminaries here, there be no dispute of the Manner nor Delay. I have discoursed at large with Monsieur de *Lyonne*, and we conceive that a Paper being formed, containing the whole particulars of my Instructions, with the Restitution to his Majesty of all taken in *America*, belonging to him, should be Signed by me, Monsieur de *Lyonne*, the *Denmark* Resident, and *Van Benningen*, as that which the Parties consent should be the Grounds of the Peace to follow, and as many Copies of that self same Paper to be Signed, as are necessary to comprise the Formalities,

belonging to every respective Pretension ; that is to say, Legitimate and uncontested Pretensions of Form.

I cannot collect that there is occasion to trouble you with any more, it seems to me that the Bulk of that which goes to you, gives you such an Image of things here, that further Discourses are needless. Since they have a mind to do that, which of all things we ought most to wish to see them engaged in, let no little matters prevail with us to hinder them. The advantage of looking on uningaged a whole year, and ample Liberty at the end of it, to take part where the Events will invite us most to make our choice, ought not to be lightly parted with. I pray God inspire us well, and give you all Happiness. I am most truly,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Humble,

and most Obedient Servant,

St Alban.

P. S. **T**HE Information come hither that I mention in order to *Polleron* bears, That it hath been rendred by the *Hollanders* to the *English* by Vertue of the Treaty of 62. Which if True, takes away the difficulty of the Business of *Polleron*, for if it hath been once rendred, it must by the choice of the Alternative the King hath made, remain in the hands in which it shall be found to be at the making of the Peace.

A Paper delivered to the States, at the Hague, by the Count d' Estrades.

Un Papier présenté aux États à la Haye, par Monsieur le Comte d' Estrades.

COUNT d' Estrades, Ambassador Extraordinary from France, hath received Orders from the King his Master, to represent to your Lordships, that when the King of England received the first Impressions of a Peace, He proposed London for the Place of Treaty, which He very positively insisted on; but, when neither your Lordships, nor your Allies would accept thereof, his Britannick Majesty offered the Hague instead of London, which, for very good reasons, you excused your selves from agreeing to, and desired that it might be carried on at one of the Three following Places,

LE Comte d' Estrades, Ambassadeur Extraordinaire de France, à ordre du Roy, son Maître de représenter à vos Seigneurs que lors, que le Roy d' Angleterre se laissa toucher aux pensées de la paix, la premier qu' il eust, & à la quelle il s' attache assez fortement, fût qu' elle se traitât à Londres; mais comme V.V. S.S. ny leurs Alliés n'en conviendrent pas, sa Majesté Britannique nomina depuis le lieu de la Haye pour y traiter; de quoy V.V. S.S. s' excuserent par des bonnes raisons, & le convierent que se fût en l'une des trois places de Boisleducque, Breda, ou Mastricht. Et en suite le Roy nomina Douvres,

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Bosch, Breda or Mastricht. After this, the King named *Dover*, and left the choice of any one of all the said places, the *Hague* only excepted, to his *Britannick* Majesty, who, he promised himself could not have refused it, considering that *Dover* should have been to his own satisfaction; both because it was in his own Kingdom, as also for the conveniency and commodiousness of it, which was the utmost that the King could do for the benefit of Peace.

But seeing that neither his Majesty's Civilities, nor your Lordships Offers, nor yet those considerations have had any influence upon the King of *England*, in reference to the foresaid choice; but He on the contrary, does still declare for the *Hague*, notwithstanding both the Inconveniencies which have been objected against it, and the force of those Reasons offered there-

& laissa le choix de l'une de toutes ces places hormis la Haye, à sa Majesté Britannique, qu'il se promettoit qu'elle accepteroit, comme Douvre étant de sa satisfaction dans son Royaume, dans la bienséance & sa commodité, quiest tout ce que le Roy pouvoit faire pour le bien de la Paix.

Mais comme cette Civilité de la part de sa Majesté les offres de V.V. S.S. & les considérations n'ont pas rien gagner sur l'esprit du Roy d'Angleterre, sur ce choix, & qu'au contraire, il s'est déclaré de s'en vouloir tenir à la Haye, non obstant les inconveniens, qu'on luy a fait connoître, qu'on y prevoit, & la force des raisons qui luy ont été deduites la dessus, & qu'ont fait proposer
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upon, and your Lordships proposing, in lieu of this, the choice of any of those places specified before.

This Obstinatation furnisheth an occasion to doubt, that there must be some other aim, than Peace, in the nomination of the *Hague*. For can it be presumed that, if the King of *England* had sincerely desired it, he should refuse to accept of the choice of one of those, where he hath all the satisfaction that he could propose? For instead of *London*, which he testifieth an inclination to, there is *Dover*; and instead of the *Hague*, named by him in the *United Provinces*, he hath the choice of three places in the same Countrey, but a litle distant from the *Hague*: So that there appears nothing he can desire after these advances made by the King, and your Lordships.

Therefore his Majesty would have you understand, that he never will

par V. V. S. S. au lieu de cette place, les trois autres, pour en choisir une.

Cette obstination fait venir des pensees que dans cette nomination dela Haye, il peut y avoir quelque autre but que celui dela Paix. Car, si on l'avoit souhaitté sincerement, le Roy d' Angleterre refuseroit, 'il le choix, qui luy est laissé de l' une de ces places, qui le satisfait plainement en ce qu' il à désiré? Car au lieu de Londres, qu' il témoignoît affecter, 'il à Douvres; & au lieu de la Haye, par luy nommé dans ces Provinces Unies, il à la choix de l' une de trois autres places dans le même Pais, & voisines dela Haye; & ainsy l'on ne voit pas, qu' il y ait plus rien à désirer la dessus pour le dit Roy apres les avances faites par le Roy, & V. V. S. S.

Sur quoy sa Majesté leur fait scaovir qu'elle demeurera ferme a ne con-

give his consent to the *Hague*, for the place of Treaty; and that he thinks it of very great importance, for the benefit of your Lordships in particular, and the Cause in general, that you do not in the least slacken in this matter. In the mean while, he would desire you to lose no time, but to give Orders to your Admirals that they labour with the utmost application, to put the Fleet into a readiness to go out; assuring you that he will use his utmost diligence to have his ready at the same time; because this, in our present circumstances, is the only sure method, we have to obtain a Peace, which is so much desired.

*Made at the Hague the
25. of March, 1667.
and signed d' Estrades.*

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*Fait à la Haye le 25.
de Mars, 1667. étoit
signé d' Estrades.*

THE
R E S O L V E

*Of the Lords States General of the
United Netherlands, the 28th. of
March, 1667.*

Upon the French King's Letter.

According to the States Generals said *Resolves* of the 3d. present, having perused and examined the *French King's Letter* from *Versailles* the 25th. of *February*, wherein his Majesty doth propose the Town of *Dover* as the Place to Treat about Peace with *England*; after serious Deliberation, it was found fit and resolved, That a Civil Answer shall be made to the said Letter, viz. That their High and Mighty Lordships are infinitely satisfied with his Majesty's good Disposition to Peace, and declare, That as his Majesty concurrereth therein with the Sence of their High and Mighty Lordships, to offer unto the King of *Great Britain*, with the only exclusion of *the Hague*, the choice of the *Bosch*, *Mastricht* or *Breda* for the said Place of Treaty, their High and Mighty Lordships on their parts do likewise concur with the sence of his Majesty for giving unto the said King of *Great Britain* the choice of *Dover*; nay, that their Lordships will

will make no difficulty on the good liking of his Majesty of *France* to let the Treaty be even at London, or any other place of *England*, at the Election of the said King of *Great Britain*, whereby to accelerate Matters the more, towards the desired Success, which God Grant, *Amen.* *March the 28th.*

The RESOLVE of the Lords States General of the United Netherlands, March 28. 1667.

Upon the Letter of *Beuningen.*

HAVING examined the Letter of the Heer *Van Beuningen* from *Paris* the 3d. instant, and the enclosed, both addressed unto the *Greffier Ruysch*, expressing that the *French* King did judge fit towards furtherance of Peace to leave the choice of the Place for Treaty to the King of *Great Britain* to elect for it either the *Bosch*, *Mastricht* or *Breda*, or even *Dover* it self, and that to him the said *Van Beuningen*, be sent the requisite Acts of Power and Instructions to Treat in all Events, even at *Paris* likewise. Upon serious deliberation on this behalf, it was found fit and Resolved that a Letter be dispatched to the Presiding Chamber of the *East India* Company of these Lands, that they will immediately inform their High and Mighty Lordships how it now stands with the Island of *Polleron* in the *East Indies*, and particularly whether the said Island be still detained from, or delivered over unto the *English*, or whether after the delivery thereof to the *English*, it hath been since the present War recovered. And for the better execution of their
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High and Mighty Lordships preceeding Resolves of the 21st. of *April*, and 1st. of *May* last, in the year 1666. The said *Van Beuningen* shall have Power sent him in good Form to that effect needful, with Authority that he may exhibit the same and employ it in case the King of *Great Britain* should resolve to let the Treaty at *Paris* proceed. But forasmuch as by the Resolve of the 21st. of *April* it was among other things found fit, that if progress therein were made, there shall be choice made of some fit and able persons to be joyned unto the said *Van Beuningen* on the behalf of this State. It is resolved that Letters be sent to him the said *Van Beuningen* that he make no progress in Vertue of his said Power to a final conclusion and signing of the Treaty to be made, until the said to be elected Persons shall be there arrived, or that their High and Mighty Lordships shall have further resolved. And the Provinces are prayed to dispose themselves speedily to the Election of such Persons. He, *Van Beuningen*, interim is to advertise their High and Mighty Lordships each Post how matters are.

The Resolve of the States of Holland.

March 28. 1667.

BY Unanimous Votes Resolved, That the Place for Conclusion of Peace be, and is absolutely left to the Election of the *French King*, and of the King of *Great Britain*; and that whatsoever they shall conjoyntly resolve upon that Subject, shall be and is allowed, approved and confirmed by the States of *Holland*.

Extract

Extract of a Letter, dated 10. March, 1667.

Dear Friend,

BEholding the foregoing Resolves you may judge according to the Experience and Knowledge you have of the Humours and Constitution of this State, That if now *France* and *England* can fall to a good understanding among themselves, the foundations for Peace are laid. And that on the contrary, if *de Witt* and his Cabal have underhand made agreement with the *French*, Peace and our Countrey both are lost: For let His Majesty of *Great Britain* then be never so Gracious or Generous, it will be taken in the worst sence continually, because it is not *de Witts's* Interest to have Peace, who thereby sees his Ruin certain, and consequently expect nothing from him but actions of a despairing Man.

For my part, when I consider the Offers and Proceedings of *France*, I cannot but fear least the meaning thereof be, to puzzle the game the more, and to make the War continue. For that King in his Letter, says, He will be our Father; and take us for his Children. *De Witt* may suppose we should then be in *Abraham's* Lap; but others, That Purgatory would thereby gain Customers, because a good Father's endeavours are to see his Children trained up in his own Religion.

Wherefore, I hope, you have well received, and presented to His Majesty of *Great Britain* my last Advices of the 27th. of *February*, so far forth as
needful,

needful, and namely, that *Zealand*, as the considerablest Province, might well be applied unto, and obliged what may be, the rather, for that my last Letters thence, confirm, that the good Party there doth daily increase and gain ground: So as if his Majesty should wave his first resolves for the *Hague*, it seems adviseable, That He would be pleas'd rather to pitch upon *Middleburgh* in *Zealand*, than to suffer all to run again into extremities: Forasmuch as that place avoids all the alledged Obstacles, and if *de Witt's* party in *Holland* should oppose it, *Zealand* will certainly find, and stir up abundance of Friends in the other Provinces, and even in *Holland* it self, to enjoy that Honour and Favour, which by no means they will be induced to refuse. And to prepare the Work the better, if the Overture be relished by His Majesty, you must immediately give me notice thereof, to be able to inform seriously, privately, and speedily, our most confident Friends (whom you know) to act their parts therein accordingly, and through the Credit and good Intention of this Province, to draw those of *Friesland* and *Groningen* into their Party, and as many more as we can, whereby in Plurality to prevail against our Adversaries. And at worst, if, contrary to all hope and likelihood, these endeavours shall be frustrated by their sinister Practises, it will appear the more evidently to all the World, what effectual means His Majesty was graciously pleas'd to employ towards recovering of Rest and Peace amongst us. But my opinion is, it will meet with an infallible good Event and Success, whereunto my self here, and my Brother in *Zealand* will not fail to contribute all our strength. And therefore we expect your Answer.

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Our Friends have sent me the draught of a Letter which they suppose His Majesty might be disposed to send in Answer to the States General, as it goes hereunto adjoynd, which under all Secrecy you are desired to acquaint my Lord *Arlington* withal, to have his Lordships judgment about it.

The Substance of the Letter.

High and Mighty Lords,

YOUR Answer of the----of *Feb.* hath surpris'd us with wonder that you refuse the great offers we made to you in our last of sending our Ambassadors even to the *Hague*, the place of your own meeting and of the States of *Holland* too, where we intended to treat of the Peace with you, and make evident to all the World our perfect Inclination for Peace and aversion to War, and that sequel of Miseries and Calamities which follow it, and that by such convincing and unquestionable Testimonies, that with Reason we might insist thereon without waving our Offer, and leave upon you and the refusers thereof the blame and occasion of all the misfortunes which this strange refusal will draw after it; unless out of an excess of Reflections towards you, we had yet thought fit to make one attempt more by offering you the Envoy of our Ambassadors to *Middleburgh* in *Zealand*, which is a place for Convenience and Situation every way more fitted for such a desirable Work as that of Peace, and whither all concern'd Parties may equally well come, or send to treat and conclude it, as to any of the Three you have propos'd to us. Expecting hereupon your immediate Answer, We shall not cease to pray, that God will inspire those requisite Thoughts into you, and so we bid you, &c.

Sir

Sir Robert Southwel's

LETTER

To my

Lord SANDWICH.

Lisbon, March 31. S. N. 67.

May it please your Excellency,

ON the 25th. instant being *Friday*, I writ unto your Excellency, and therein declared how far this Court appeared to be from the conclusion of their League with *France*. And it is most certain, that the *Conde de Castel Melhor*, between a constant belief that *Spain* would at length yield the Title, and some dissatisfaction he had received from the *French* side, he very lately manifested rather an aversion than any desire for it. But, having on a sudden quite chang'd his resolution, there was called a full Council on the 24th. instant, where it was order'd that a League should be concluded with *France*, and that the Marquis *Marialva*, the Marquis *de Nizsa*, the Marquis *Govea*, the Marquis *de Sande* and the *Conde de Castel Melhor* should be the Commissioners to treat thereof. Which they the next day accordingly did, and so on the *Saturday*, in which time, they having before them the Proposals of Monsieur *St. Romain*, and
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only once his Company, all the Articles were agreed unto, and presently delivered to be put into Form, and so translated into Latin.

The business was carried so private until *Sunday*, that one of the Commissioners told me, I knew nothing of it. But then I presently drew a Memorial, and, attending the Conde next day, I prest him to suspend the concluding of this Treaty for a time; or at least that some such Article of Reservation might be made therein, as that the Peace from *Spain* might be accepted, whenever his Majesties Mediation could procure it. Less than which his Majesty could not expect, considering his labours past, and yet continuing, and the great peril he had for this end exposed his own Affairs unto.

But, finding the Conde irresistibly bent upon the Thing, I desired of him a Pass-port, that I might by an Express acquaint your Excellency of these Proceedings. But he answered me very short, that if I hoped thereby to incline the *Spaniards* to any thing, the Tryal would be in vain, for that they here had been already too long delayed, and abused by them, and that now they were constrained to the thing, it should have a very short issue. However that he would present my Memorial to his Majesty, the next day, and procure me an Answer. But as yet I have not received any; altho the Articles were this day interchangeably Signed by them, and are, as I understand in the main to this effect.

That a League between *Portugal* and *France* shall continue for Ten Years, Offensive and Defensive against *Castile*.

That the said League shall not prejudice the Friendship which *Portugal* hath with *England*, and with *Swedeland*, but that they both and all other

other Princes may enter therein; and as to *England* with some Particularity.

That in case *France* and *England* do agree, then immediately *France* is to fall upon *Spain*: And if they do not, then within 30. Months after this Treaty.

That, if in less than the said Term of Years *France* shall compass its pretensions on *Brabant*, it shall then next oblige *Spain* to give the Title of King to *Portugal*, and to restore all the Places belonging to *Portugal*, and *Algarves* (but not reciprocally) and to be Guarranty for the same.

That *France* shall pay yearly unto *Portugal* 900. Thousand Cruzadoes, (which is 150000 l. sterl.) viz. 3. of the said Nine shall be put into the hands of the *French* Pay-master, to pay the *French* here already in this Countrey, and the other 6. paid to the King of *Portugal*. And in case he would have more *French* succours, he is to raise them at his own charge out of the said summ. And if he will dismiss the *French* that are here already, he has liberty to do it, and to receive the said 300. Thousand Cruzadoes himself.

But the King of *Portugal* is obliged yearly to put into the Field a considerable Army, not only for Defence, but for some Offence; yet after *France* shall declare the War, the said 600000. Cruzadoes shall be reduced unto 500000. Cruzadoes: but whether the other Three shall be continued, or knockt off, I cannot yet learn.

The *French* King hath also engag'd that, on conclusion of a Treaty between himself, *England* and *Holland*, that he will by an Article oblige the *Hollander* to the restitution of *Cochin* and *Cananor*, and mediate a good agreement for them in all other differences.

I cannot as yet more particularly learn the contents of this Treaty, which on *Monday* next *Francisco Farera Ribella* carries with him into *France* for an immediate ratification.

When I prest with much impatience the making a Provision, according to the King of *England's* desire, the *Conde* reply'd, that it was a thing impossible, because the *French* would equally expect the like liberty of departing from them at pleasure, and so they might be surpris'd, and left without any Guarranty.

I thought it my duty to acquaint your Excellency with these particulars as soon as ever they came to my knowledge, desiring in all things to manifest how much I am,

My Lord,

Your Excellency's

Most Humble, and

Most Obedient Servant,

Robert Southwell.

S I R,

May 10. 67.

S I R,

AT my return out of the Countrey, where I found much benefit by the fresh Air, I was in possession of Two of yours, of the 5th. and 10th. S. N. In the former I see the alarm of the *French* Invasion is gotten strong to *Brussels*, and, not without cause, you partake in it. But it is too early yet for me to move his Majesty, to give you any directions, with relation either to your Person, or Character. I will watch the time of doing it to your satisfaction.

In your Letter, you say, the Marquis will write to His Majesty, and ask his Assistance. If he do it upon the point of generosity; the Council here will easily remember His Majesty how unconcern'dly *Spain* hath lookt upon this long, and chargeable War, out of which he is not yet deliver'd, if upon Interest, any resolution that is taken here must be founded upon Treaties, and Stipulations, that will require some time to finish; and for that reason any Offers, His Excellency will make, must most properly be countenanced from *Spain*, or at least by the *Spanish* Ambassador here.

We have yet had no News of the arrival of ours at *Breda*, nor have any Letters from *Spain* further than *April 21. S. N.* So I have no matter wherewith to lengthen this; but that Alderman *Backwell* promised me you shall be pleas'd in the payment of your Money.

I am, &c.

May 17. 67.

S I R,

I Have received yours of the 20th. and thank you for the particular Account of the Disputation his Excellency made for the defence of those Countreys; which I am perswaded the King of *France* will not delay to invade speedily.

Don *Bernardo de Solinas* arrived here, with your Letter, bringing those from his Excellency, among which, one to me. I fear His Majesty will not be prevailed upon easily, by the Conde de *Molina*, to do any thing of considerable advantage to those Countreys, or so much as promise it till he see the utmost of the Treaty at *Breda*. Neither indeed is it reasonable to press him to it; not only for the difficulties he will have to answer well therein, but also for the Alarm *France* will take from it; with whom common Prudence obligeth us to keep fair in this conjuncture, since they shew themselves more easie towards the Treaty than the *Dutch*: and besides the Buckler of the War, from which he would at any time have been glad to be delivered.

We ought especially now to desire to be at ease for some time at least, whilst our Neighbours are falling out. It is pity that no Morality, or Christianity can raise this out of Humane Nature. I think I told you, nothing but a powerful Body of Men out of *Germany* can save those Countreys.

I am, &c.

S I R,

May 20. 67.

SIR,

I Am to acknowledge yours of the 24th. and was glad to find you had prevailed with the Marquis to be so reasonable in his expectations. From hence I am perswaded he will gain more of us upon those grounds you express, than any others that can be suggested to him. But what the effect of those will be it is not possible for us to say, till the conclusion of the Treaty at *Breda*.

By the Baron *de Solinas* I shall write my humble Acknowledgments to the Marquis.

I am, &c.

May 24. 67.

SIR,

I AM resolved to complain to you of your self, when ever I miss a Letter from you, as the Post came in this Night from *Flanders* hath brought me none, neither have I seen any thing from our Ambassadors at *Breda*. I know not whether the Gentleman, who brings their dispatch, and came over with the Pacquet Boat be come to Town.

From *Spain* we have not heard a great while; I hope my Lord *Sandwich* hath Signed the Treaty, and is sending it by an Express.

The *Spanish* Ambassador is hard at work upon his Recruits. It is not credible how willingly Men,

of all qualities, run into the *Spanish* Service, and openly protest against the *French*. In requital of this, His Majesty hath commanded me to recommend it to you, to make it your business there, upon the likelihood of the disturbance of any Manufactures, by the apprehension of the *French* Invasion, to humour, and encourage the Workmens coming into *England*, instead of sheltring themselves in *Holland*. And this it is supposed you may do by fitting Emissaries, who must fill them with all fair Promises, and assurance of being well received here. You will likewise be the best Judge what inducements, and encouragements we may properly hold forth to them from hence. And it is well remembered here, that such conjunctures, as these, when Workmen were disturbed by the breaking out of sudden Wars in *Flanders*, gave the beginning to many of our great, and profitable Manufactures here in *England*.

The Duke and Dutchesse have had a most sensible loss of the young Duke of *Kendal*. And it is the heavier, in that the Duke of *Cambridge*---lies also sick, past hopes of recovery. On *Sunday* the Court takes mourning for the former.

I should long ago have warned you, to forbear sending your Letters to Mr. *Jennet*, at *Dover*; who, being sometimes out of the way, they come later to me. Pray let your Correspondent in *Holland* know the like.

I am, &c.

SIR,

June 3. 67.

S I R,

I Must beg your Pardon for not answering yours of the 3d. S. N. by the last Post, I could not possibly get time for it, and particularly your Question, concerning your going to visit our Ambassadors, at *Breda*. To which His Majesty readily gave you his leave, according as you shall see it of any use to his Service; or even the satisfying his Ambassadors there, or your own curiosity.

By all we understand from them, their Negotiation goes but slowly on. The *French* began with much Courtesie and seeming Frankness towards them, but have not appeared yet warm in abating any of the *Dutch* Deputies insolent and extravagant Demands. Which, accompanied with their resolution of putting their Fleet to Sea, and on Board it many Land Souldiers Commanded by *Dolman*, looks as if they threatned some descent, in some of His Majesty's Dominions. If they effect it accordingly; it is very likely the Treaty will come to a Period that way. If not, methinks they will return home with some dis-advantage, towards their own People, for having made so unnecessary a Bravado, and so unseasonable a one, as to endanger the miscarriage of the Treaty by it: Since we know that, whatever face they put upon it, they cannot but really wish the Peace made in their hearts.

By the next, I hope I shall be able to say something to you in Answer to those Overtures you have made me in yours of the 7th. concerning the encouraging Artisans, to come over hither. There-

fore, as long as good words will keep them in that Appetite, I pray be no Niggard of them. And I hope we shall be quickly ready to disengage you of what you promise them of that kind. I pray write me frequent and long Letters.

I am, &c.

June 7. 67.

SIR,

THIS acknowledgeth yours of the 10th. and thanks you for the News in it. We shall know with much more expedition all the progress of the *French Army* from you, than we can from *Paris*. We know not what yet to say to our Treaty at *Breda*. We should have been willing to have made a fair Peace; but we shall be very loath to give the World cause to say we are beaten into it. The *Dutch* are upon our Coast; at least a part of their Fleet appeared yesterday in sight; we suppose that part of them which kept together in the great Storm on *Tuesday Night*. If they have some brave exploit to do upon us, their undertakings are very justifiable; but, if they succeed not, those that sent it out will be ashamed of it.

You have already His Majesty's leave to go to *Breda*, and will; I am sure, carry this caution along with you, as not to do, or say any thing but as the Ambassadors shall direct you.

The *Spanish* Ambassador here would fain persuade us, (and he says it is the Marquis's, and Baron de *Ifola's* fence) that we might yet make a
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good Peace by believing *de Witt*. But how does this agree with the Baron's accusing Monsieur *de Witt*, for having revealed to the *French* Ambassador all that was transacted between them? or can Monsieur *de Witt* be thought to mean well to the Peace, when he alone patroniz'd the sending out the Fleet; and through *Van Beuningen's* hands perswade the States that the dispute, betwixt *France* and *Spain*, is a matter capable of Accomodement; and that they (the States) shall be the Umpires, and have the honour of making it? The Cards are strangely shuffled. I agree with you that, if it please God, we may yet have a fair Game dealt us.

I am, &c.

The Earl of *ARLINGTON's*

L E T T E R

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Sir *Robert Southwell*.

Whitehal, June 5. 67.

SIR,

I Have not been so industrious, since my last, of enquiring out ways to send to you as I might and should have been, if I had had any thing in charge from His Majesty for your further direction in that Court. We saw here plainly that the conclusion would be to agree with *France*, and that it was not
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in our power to prevail with *Spain*, to give them such conditions as could divert them from it, and the sequel of all your Letters from the 10th. of *February* to *April* the 25th. of which we have been sometime possess, sufficiently justify the same.

His Majesty, Royal Highness, and his Ministers have read them carefully over, and I assure you, in one word, without flattery, your conduct and behaviour in every point is entirely approved of.

His Majesty thinks he hath sufficient ground to complain and expostulate upon; and yet his good Nature, and good Will to *Portugal*, warranted by his Alliance with them, restrains him herein. And I can assure you, with much Truth, that, since their conclusion of the Peace with *France*, on all occasions, wherein the interest of *Portugal* was concern'd, he hath proceeded with the same fairness and candour towards them, as if he were not displeas'd at it, what he will do in the future God only can tell us.

He hath commanded me to signify His Pleasure to you, that you return Home with what convenient speed you can, and allows you the satisfaction of your own curiosity, by taking *Tangier* in your way, if you find it necessary for you, hoping that your view of that Place, the Condition of the Garrison, and the Progress of the Mole will give him an opportunity of knowing it better than probably he doth by Persons concern'd in it.

Accordingly, I make no doubt, but you will find, from your Observations thereupon, with all possible exactness. What I say in this Letter of our Judgment, upon the Proceedings of that Court, will direct you in what Terms you are to make your Compliments at your taking leave of them. And, amongst the rest, pray make mine to the Conde

de Castel Melhor, and the Marquis *de Sandes*; to whom I forbear to write on this occasion, conforming my self therein to the temper of the King my Master.

You are to make one last effort for the recovery of the remaining parts of her Majesties Portion. And we suppose here, since the continuance of the War is their choice, and that *France* will contribute so largely to it, and make it much more easie to *Portugal* by their breach with *Spain*, they may be in a condition of satisfying His Majesty herein, especially at a time when he wants it so much himself, a great evidence whereof, besides the occasion of his vast Expences the last years, is his having put his Treasury under a Commission, upon my Lord *Southampton's* death, which was thought the only expedient, to redeem us from the necessities that now lie upon the Crown.

Don *Francisco de Mellos* began his Journey Two Days since to the Low Countreys, where he hopes, under the Protection of *France*, and the King our Master, to negotiate something for his own advantage in this Conjunction, if we have the good luck to agree. But in that Affair, the Conjectures, and Prognosticks of our Ambassadors at *Breda* are yet very uncertain, the *French* proceeding craftily towards them, and the *Dutch* as insolently; who now, in this very conjuncture, and at the first entrance into the Treaty, have sent their Fleet to Sea, we having no strength ready to look them in the face; which People always will understand as an Evidence of our Weakness, but I can assure you, upon the maturest consideration of what is past in this War, it was chosen as the wisest course to proceed thus. These Two Years past the expence of putting a Royal Navy to
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Sea was found sufficiently burthensom, and the use of it of little Effect, our Trade was at a stand for want of Mariners to manage it; for these Reasons, early in the Spring, contrary to the Practice the Years before, His Majesty suffered as many Merchant Ships as would, go abroad; and it is certain that *England* never saw such a Trade go out, and if they have the good luck to come home again as safely, we shall have no cause to repent the Council we have followed herein, whatever the success be of the *Dutch* Fleet.

Our last Letters from Lord *Sandwich* tell us he was ready to Sign the Treaty; fresher Letters to the *Spanish* Ambassador say it is actually done. It is digested into Two Bodies, the one concerning only our Commerce, and the other the offer of a Truce with *Portugal* in the Terms you know already. If during your stay there, my Lord *Sandwich* (as I am perswaded he will) gives you an account of it, all your business will be only the making a tender of it to that Court, tho I suppose with no probability of their accepting it, and thus you make a Period to your Negotiations there, which I wish had been more Successful for all our Publick Reasons, and your own particular ones: But since God will not have it so, we must be contented with the satisfaction that you have done the best, which I assure you is very well understood by his Majesty.

I am, &c.

S I R,

June 28. 67.

S I R,

I Was too busie on *Monday* Night to acknowledge yours of the 28th. but what News there was then of the *Dutch* Fleet, I order'd to be sent you. Since I have yours of the 1st. of *July*, with the continuance of the *French* Progress into those Countreys. God be thanked we are very quiet yet under all our Misfortunes. His Majesty's resolution to re-assemble the Parliament on the 25th. of *July*, hath contributed much to our quiet for the present.

Some Letters say they in *Holland* are very inclinable to make a Peace presently, and our Ambassadors seem more perswaded of it than hitherto they have been. The King hath sent an exprest to them, injoyning them to return, if within so many days they do not conclude the Propositions they have offered.

I have this Evening, moved His Majesty, to give you leave to return for such a time as you desired, and for the Reasons exprest in the last. His Answer was, that he would willingly consent to it, so he might be secure the Marquis would take no Umbrage at it: And accordingly bad me speak with the *Spanish* Ambassador. I fear I shall not have the opportunity for it, before this goes: Therefore you shall do well to move it to the Marquis himself, and accordingly prevail with him to send his opinion to the *Spanish* Ambassador.

I am, &c.

S I R,

Whitehal, July 1. 67.

S I R,

I Have received yours of the 5th. S. N. wherein you complain of our Stanchness in delivering over to you our News. The Truth is, it has been so bad of late, that I took no pleasure in sending it. But I am deceived, if I did not give you a particular relation of what passed in our misfortune at *Chatham*, and the disorder it put mens Minds into. God be thanked we are since very quiet. And, tho' the affront was very sensible to us, it hath not been attended with any ill accidents, to endanger our quiet at home. Many have murmured much at it; but, it going no further than talk, we have been content to dissemble the hearing of it.

Since my last, the Enemy return'd into the River again, where, having spent some days, without making any kind of attempt upon us, they yesterday put to Sea again, and will continue, as we suppose, their Bravadoes upon the Coasts; and at least Alarm us with offering at the doing us some new Mischief: To be the readier for which they have divided their Fleet, as we are assured from *Holland*, into three Squadrons. *Van Ghent* is gone to find out Sir *Jeremy Smith*; who being too greedy of the Prey, he took, especially in the Rich *East-India* Prize, is gone to Sea again with it, and may run some danger with him.

You see, by the discourse you had with the Marquis, upon your coming over hither, that His Majesty's suspicion of his Excellency's taking it so, as he did, was not without ground. So that matter
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must lie still for the present, and I shall lose for some time the satisfaction I promised my self, of seeing, and embracing you here.

All our Letters from *Holland* perswade us the Peace will be quickly made; God grant it be so. After which, I tell the Baron *de Isola*, in my enclosed Letter to him, that he will be most welcom here. And, whatsoever his opinion is, we cannot hinder our selves from believing, that as soon as *France* perceives the *States* will agree with us, they will lose no time in joining in it. And thus it behoves us to proceed, how ill soever our Neighbours take it of us.

And yet, in this extremity of our Affairs, you see, by this time, Don *Bernardo de Solinas* his Journey hath not been altogether ineffectual; which you must impute only to the good will of this Countrey towards that. For neither the King, nor any of his Ministers will know any thing of the matter, no more than *de Ruyter* would do when he let the Men pass. I wish you a good Journey to *Breda*.

I am, &c.

July 5. 67.

SIR,

YOUR Extraordinaries I have allowed, amounting to Four Hundred Pounds. And, I find by my Lady *Temple*, there is, upon your Ordinary Entertainment, Six Hundred Pound more due to you. So I have moved the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to make you Payment of both

both, by assigning you upon the Money in Mr. *Shaw's* hands, for the Tinn. Where we find the late Lord Treasurer allowed you to pay your self; but could not perfect the discharge of it in the Exchequer, because there is not yet any Person who is to account for the product of the whole Tinn; which their Lordships will hasten as soon as they can. In the mean time you may make use of a Thousand Pounds of that Money remaining in Mr. *Shaw's* hands. And the former of the Exchequer shall be hereafter satisfied, which I am desired by them to signify unto you.

I am, &c.

July 8. 67.

SIR,

I Have yours of the 8th. *S. N.* and see by it you were going to *Breda*: but for so few days that I suppose this will find you return'd to *Brussels*, and with at least as much assurance as we have that the Peace will be speedily concluded.

I am, &c.

SIR,

July 12. 67.

SIR,

I Have yours of the 15th. S. N. and in requital of it can tell you that Mr. *Coventry* is gone back with such Powers as will quickly make an end of the Peace, if the *States*, taking advantage of our easiness, do not start new Pretensions; which, from a private hand in *Holland*, I am assured *de Witt* is labouring hard for, and is endeavouring, by *Van Beuningen*, in *France* to get their Concurrence to. We shall, in a few days, see the issue of this Matter, and by that time, I hope, be in a condition of hearkning to the Baron *de Isola's* Proposals with less suspicion than we did, whilst the Peace was depending.

It is a very good hint you give us in making our selves Mediators of an Accommodement, betwixt *France* and *Spain*; and may be of much advantage to His Majesty in its Season. But, on the side of *France*, we must have better encouragement for their acceptance of it, than the *French* Ambassador's discourse at *Breda*. And *Spain* too may let us know a little of their mind, before His Majesty exposeth himself to imploy His Offices; which we expect from you and the Baron *de Isola*.

I am, &c.

July 15. 67.

S I R,

I Have yours of the 19th. with all the News of your Town. At which time several Letters from the Coast assured us of the taking of the Cittadel of Courtray.

Mr. Coventry went on Friday last for the Downes in the same Ship that brought him.

I am glad to hear the Marquis *Castel de Rodrigo* is so well stored with Money. But, if he have not Troops also to imploy it upon, for ought I see the French will continue their Progress as successfully, as they have begun it.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, July 29. 67.

S I R,

I Had not time to write to you by the last Post, since when I have received yours of the 2^d. of August, giving us a very sad Picture of the condition of that Countrey, likely to moulder out of the hands of the Government there, without any possibility of resistance.

I have, with this, expos'd to His Majesty the Condition, and delivered his express Directions to you. His Majesty saith the taking care of you, by calling you Home, would be a thing of much resentment to *Spain*, and the Marquis, especially in this
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Conjuncture, and therefore cannot consent to it. But gives you this Rule, either to keep your self with the Person of the Marquis; or he taking the Field, to reside in any place he shall assign you.

I am, &c.

August 2. 67.

S I R,

WHAT you tell us in yours of the 5th. S. N. shews us that *Brussels* was in great danger, if the Count *Martyn* had not so happily returned for the security of it. It being the Seat of the Government, I hope great care will be always taken of it, and that you may pass the rest of this Summer securely there, since the Marquis is so unwilling to part with you.

The *Spanish* Ambassador, and Baron *de Isola* press very much that a Body of Four, or Five Thousand *English* may be sent over. If the thing were easily to be obtained, I cannot see how it would well take effect this Year. And, I have told them plainly, I fear much their Success in the prosecution of it. Because, that we are delivered from the War, it will be fit we have some Breathing time to compose the minds of Men, that are very much disquieted with reflection upon the Government, before the Kingdom be embarked in any new War. And if *France* and *Holland* remain as united after the Peace, as they were during the Treaty of it, we are not secure that they may not, taking advantage of our distempers at home, break out again upon us.

The Baron *de Isola* saith this is a vain apprehension, and that *Holland* is already disposed to succour them, even at the peril of breaking with *France*. If they be so, being nearer concerned than we are, they ought to begin first, and leave us the fair time, that ought to belong to us, in taking so important a business in hand, and so hazardous in the Success of it.

It is a vain thing, in the condition we are, to attempt the moving us by Considerations of Generosity and Honour, in prosperous Times, they have much weight. And, the Truth is, They are improperly alledged to us by Neighbours that sate securely looking upon us, whilst we held a War with Three great Potentates. This is the Effect of my Discourse to the Baron. After all I have assured him His Majesty, and his Ministers have all possible Compassion for the condition of *Flanders*, and wish they were in a condition of succouring it. Concluding with him that he shall do well to drive his Arguments as far as they will go, and to get them authorized from *Spain* also. And not to wonder at the want of Success, as long as the Emperour appears no farther concerned in the Cause of his own House.

I am, &c.

S. I. R.

August 9. 67.

S I R,

I Have received yours of the 12th. which doth not confirm the *French* having formally besieged *Lisle*, as some Letters confidently say it. As for *Ostend*, I think, they are too late in the Year to attempt that, and if *September* be a wet Month, I cannot see how they will be able to do more than secure what they have got.

I am, &c.

August 23. 67.

S I R,

A T last, we find our selves in possession of our *Flanders* Letters. They have brought us the assurance of the Publication of the Peace at *Breda*: Which will to morrow be published here in the usual Forms; of which you shall have a particular Account by the next.

I received yours of the 19th. 25th. and 26th. giving an account of the *French* attempt upon *Lisle*, and the resistance made by it. As likewise Count *Martyn's* taking the Field, with a considerable Body of Men, to relieve the Place: But we fear will be out of his Power, the Report going strongly here that the Place is surrendered.

We have likewise Letters from *Madrid* of the 19th. past. But with no further News of the Treaty,

sent to be ratified here, than what we had before; which makes me fear they will not arrive at the time appointed in it.

We have also Letters from *Lisbon* of *August 1. S. N.* wherein *Sir Robert Southwell* gives an Account of his offer to that Crown, of the Treaty made by my Lord *Sandwich* in their Favour, together with their total and angry rejection of it; which makes me suspect all other Negotiations there; and to that end will be fruitless.

I have not had opportunity to move His Majesty to consent to your return, upon the condition you proposed it, with the Marquis's liking; which, by your leave, I think ought to precede, and be signified by the *Spanish* Ambassador here; without whom I fear His Majesty will not be inclined to gratifie you in your request.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, October 4. 67.

SIR,

IT is long since I writ to you, and you cannot but have heard; out of my Office, the unhappy occasion of my having been thus long silent. I am, God be thanked, almost delivered out of all Pain, but yet have no use of my Leg, being removed to my Chair from my Bed with Crutches; and by the help of my Servants.

Yesterday, in the Evening I received Two of your Letters, of the *5th.* and *7th.* That from *Amsterdam* you mention never came to my hands, and have

have had none from you else, that I know of, since you began your Journey into *Holland*. I was glad to read in your former that you had seen, and spoken with Monsieur *de Witt*, though he kept himself sufficiently at Arms length with you. They must speak closer to us before they will be able to engage us in a Quarrel, that does not only concern them much more than us; but for ought I can see more than *Spain* it self. And this is the Truth, that, next to our unwillingness to engage in new Wars, would make us hearken slowly to these Overtures. And, I remember, I told you early that Generosity, and the keeping the Balance even between the Two Crowns, would be Points that might, by Witty Men, be talked out of doors; but for ought I can see, neither the *Spanish* Ambassador nor the Baron *de Isola* furnish any better yet. I am afraid they depend too much upon the Humour, that reigns here, which wishes *Flanders* were succoured, as the Bulwark of *England*, and so care not to provide themselves with more interiour, and essential convincements.

Here enclosed you receive a part of a Letter I writ to my Lord *Sandwich*, with relation to my Lord *Douglas*, and Mr. *Hamilton's* carrying Men over to the Service of *France*. In this Paper you will see how we justify our selves against the offence the *Spanish* Ambassador takes at it.

The Gentleman that brought over the *Spanish* Treaty is not yet returned; I hope he will be gone to Morrow. There is an Authentick Copy, with the formality of the Seal to it, and as sufficient as an Original, deposited in the *Spanish* Ambassador's hands, for fear that we send away should miscarry.

We have no News now; the opening of the Parliament may produce some; pray God it be to our liking.

I am, &c.

Part of a Letter from my Lord Arlington to my Lord Sandwich, relating to my Lord Douglas, and Mr. Hamilton's carrying Men over to the Service of France.

There are Two Occasions in the Town, which beget much Discourse here, and 'tis probable will do the like in *Madrid*; wherefore I thought fit your Excellency should be entertained with the Truth of them. They are the return of the *Scotch* Regiment into *France*, and the carrying over thither some Reformed *Roman* Catholicks under the conduct of Mr. *George Hamilton*; there being lately a severe Order from His Majesty for the purging all the Troops both Officers and Souldiers, from those of that Profession.

The Story of the former is this, When the King of *France* declared War against His Majesty, His Majesty called home the *Scotch* Regiment, which had served in *France* for many Years. They accordingly came, and served in a Body on the several occasions to which they were applyed. The People murmuring at them, and complaining of the Government, for imploying Papists, made my Lord *Douglas*, as soon as the Peace was made, beseech His Majesty he might return with them into *France*,
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accordingly they are this Week going thither. Your Excellency sees they could not well be suffered here. That in *Flanders*, for the long Education they have had in *France*, they could be of no more use than so many *French Men*. Now your Excellency may judge what His Majesty could otherwise do with them.

Concerning the Reformado's of the Guards of Horse, His Majesty thought fit the other day to have them dismist, according to his Promise made to the Parliament at the last Session. Mr. *Hamilton* had a secret Overture made him, that he, with those Men, should be welcom into the *French Service*; His Majesty, at their dismissal, having declared they should have leave to go abroad whither they pleased; they accepted of Mr. *Hamilton's* offer to carry them into *France*. The *Spanish Ambassador* hearing this, complained thereof to His Majesty, who owned to know nothing more of it, than that he had given them leave to seek their Fortune, where they could find it; that, having turned them out of his Guard, he was unwilling to proceed with any further severity towards them, by constraining them to serve against their liking; that if he (the *Spanish Ambassador*) could prevail with them to go into *Flanders*, they should have Passports accordingly given them.

Thus your Excellency sees that, the Particulars being known, the offence, that is taken, is not so well grounded, and that it will not be hard for you to give satisfaction thereupon, if it be required.

I am, &c.

SIR,

October 6. 67.

S I R,

Since my last I have not only yours of the 11th. but your former also from *Amsterdam*; by what hand I cannot tell. I am sorry to find by yours of the 11th. That the Consultive part of your Affairs, in *Flanders*, now in Winter, looks as perplexed, as their Military ones were unfortunate in the Summer. When this is the Case, judge what encouragement, more than from Metal and Generosity; we can have to espouse their Quarrel.

The King hath begun with one fair step. He hath sent to my Lord *Sandwich* to offer his Mediation, and in *France* they have already accepted of.

We hear the *Hollanders* are busie in this Work already: But we shall take it unkindly of either of them, if they prefer that hand in a work of so much Reputation; which you shall do well to let the Marquis know. And I am perswaded the best Office we can do that Crown, is to let their Ministers know the worst of our minds.

I have just in this instant Letters from my Lord *Sandwich* of September 21. but I have not read them.

I am, &c.

S I R,

October 18. 67.

SIR,

I Must refer you to our News Papers for a further account of the Proceedings of the Parliament. I have this day yours of the 21st. I am very glad you have entred into a Discourse with the Count *Tapis*, concerning the change of the Way of the *Holland* Letters, which is so earnestly proposed to us from that Countrey to such a Degree that I know not how we can possibly refuse them: Since, between the prejudice and delay, as they alledge, by the way of *Flanders*, the hearing of the War with that Countrey hath made the passage so unsecure, that the very Merchants here protest against it; and, against their satisfaction, nothing can be supposed of that Nature. In a word, you may tell him that it is not Choice but Necessity that forceth us to a change, if it be admitted.

I am sorry to see the Trouble coming upon you by solliciting the Payment of the Earls Troops, because you will not be able to satisfie the Minister. You may say that, if they will have more Men, they must write to their Friends in *England* that they are well used. Here is a report that Mr. *Hamilton* hath lost 40, or 50. Men; and how the *Spanish* Ambassador hath promised to express it favourably to the Marquis. If the addition of your good Offices can add any thing to his, I pray be no Niggard. For the King of *France* loseth little; the only difficulty will be upon their Horses.

I am, &c.

SIR,

November 4. 67.

S I R,

ALL the Letters telling you how busie the Parliament is inquiring after the Faults and Miscarriages of the late War, I hope you will have framed to your self Excuses in my Favour for my not Writing so constantly as I used to do, and not disaccustom your self from Writing to me every Post. I find before me yours of the 22^d. 25th. 26th. and 28th. past. It were good we knew, with some certainty, whether *Don John de Austria*, as you write, will pass through *England*, that the Ceremonial part of his Reception may be adjusted to his Satisfaction. Therefore I pray inquire further after it.

The report runs here that he will not undertake the Government of *Flanders* till the Peace of *Portugal* be assured: and consequently the drawing this way all the Troops, and Money that must be applied to that Service.

In my last Letters from my Lord *Sandwich* we find a disposition, to the making the Peace with *Portugal*. Betwixt my Lord *Sandwich* and *Don John*, methinks we should be able to understand the utmost of the Court of *Spain's* Offers will be to engage His Majesty in such a Union, as may be useful towards the Defence of *Flanders*.

The Letters from *Holland* assures us that the Peace will be made, and that the *Hollanders* shall have the Honour of it, as well as the Security from the engagement in a New War.

Methinks you might learn there how far the Marquis is engaged towards the Gratifying *Holland* in
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this Point, wherein, we suppose, *France* will not only have secured to them their Conquests, or an Equivalent, but continue in possession of the right of the Queen of *Spain's* renunciation made invalid by the reason they have promised. And it is not unreasonable for you to suppose that we in *England*, will be content the Quarrel should be set on foot, till we might either have the Honour of Accommodating, or see how we can make our Advantages by the continuance of the War.

I am, &c.

November 11. 67.

SIR,

SINCE my last, I have yours of the 8th. which I have not now by me. As to the Discourses the Marquis makes to you of a great Union, in favour of the House of *Austria*, it will be hard to make it all be believed here. Neither is it seconded with such particularities, as you mention, by the Conde de *Molinas*, or Baron de *Isola*. On the contrary, the Opinion that there will be a Peace takes place, and is much confirmed by their not offering us any thing, that ought to prevail with us, to engage in the War with them.

I am, &c.

SIR,

November 22. 67.

S I R,

YOUR Letters entertain us here very well, tho upon a sad Subject; for they paint out to us the miserable Condition of that Country: But much better than any other representation; particularly your last of the 22^d, which I have shewn to His Majesty. God knows whether any succour from their Neighbours will be sufficient to enable them to protect what is left.

The Holland Ambassadors call upon This out of us, to help them, to make the Peace, and Cypber. the Ambassador from Spain, and the Baron de Isola call all Overtures, of that kind, but delusions; and would perswade us the Dutch Ambassadors have power to declare against France, if we will come in to the assistance of Spain. We, on our side, are afraid the Dutch affect this Declaration from us, only to enable them to make better conditions with France.

I received last Night a Letter from my Lord *Sandwich*, wherein he says that Mr. *Godolphin* was immediately going into *Portugal*, and that the said dispatches were made for him.

I have forborn of late to explain to you the Proceedings of both Houses, with relation to the Earl of *Clarendon*, because I could not do it without such Reflections as it cannot become a Man, in my Place, to use. The Truth is, the Two Houses are even yet very far from agreeing in the Point; but I am perswaded this disagreement gives the Party
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very little ease. A little time will put a Period to it one way or other.

The last Week a Caper from *Ostend*; fell upon our Packet-Boat, to *France*, and robb'd it, and carried her Letters away. I pray let the matter be inquired into, and exemplary Punishment inflicted upon the Offender.

I am, &c.

Sir *William Temple's*
CONFERENCE
WITH
Monsieur de Witt.

December ---- 1667.

AT my last Audience with the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* in pursuit of His Majesty's Instructions bearing date *November* the 25th. 1667. the Sum of what he (the Marquis) told me in Answer to the several Inquiries given me in charge, was to this purpose. That his Negotiations with *Holland* were grown of late very cold, *Monsieur de Witt* pretending to be unsatisfied with the breaking off those Proposals for delivering up *Bruges* and *Ostend*, which had been entred upon by the Marquis at the time of the *French* approaches to *Durmonde*, advanced

vanced upon the Count *Martyn's* defeat, and let fall when those Two Extremities were past over; and the Campagne drawn to a sudden end. That he now desired nothing of the *States*, but the Five Millions of *Gilders*, for which he had been since Treating upon the Security offered in the *Pais de Waas*, and was only sollicitous how to induce His Majesty to declare in favour of *Flanders*; knowing the *Dutch* would by that means be forced to the same Resolutions: And that to this purpose he had already directed the Count *Molinas* to make His Majesty the offers of such Sums of Money, as might support His Majesty's Expence in his share of the War.

That for the Dispositions of *Sweden* he could assure me they were wholly in the *Spaniard's* favour, and that he suddenly expected an account from Monsieur *Basserode*, of the Treaties being concluded between the Emperor and that Crown.

That his Treaty with the Duke of *Brandenburgh* was already signed, (without Monsieur *de Witt's* knowledge) upon Monsieur *Blaspyli's* late journey to *Brussels*, by which that Duke was obliged to furnish the *Spaniards* with 12000. Men next Spring, upon 50000. Patacons to be paid him the First Day of their March; as much upon their entering the *Spanish Territories*; and the same Sum every Month they continued in the Service.

That a Treaty to the same effect was Signed at *Vienna* by the *Spanish Ambassador* here, and the Envoys of the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*; differing only in the point of Money to be advanced, which was in the whole but 60000. Patacons.

That for the Emperor, I might be secure. He would send an Army of 25000. Men, if not 30000. that

that should march the next Campaign directly into *Alsatia*.

That for the Supplies from *Spain*, there were 6000. *Spanish* Foot now ready to be sent away, That there were Two Millions and a half of Crowns coming in *Specie*, being already Insured in *Holland*, and an *assiento* made with the Cortiso's for Two Millions and a half more, and with other Banquers for 200000. Patacons a Month during the next Campaign.

That for the certainty of *Don Juan's* coming over, he must refer me to the next *Spanish* Courier's, knowing only by the last, that it was a thing resolved by the Council, commanded by the Queen, but in such a Fashion, and with such Conditions, as made it appear he liked it not; and if he could would avoid it. That the rest of his, the Marquis's hopes from *Spain*, depended upon the Peace with *Portugal*, which he now looks upon as concluded.

At my arrival in *Holland*, and, upon my proposing to Monsieur *de Witt* the scope of His Majesty's commands in my Instructions, he first told me that he was much obliged to His Majesty for this mark of his good Opinion, and that His Majesty should ever find him a Man of his word: That tho he should have been glad I had begun with telling him some determination of His Majesty upon the Business of *Flanders*, rather than with asking him a Question, yet without pressing me to tell him whether I had any such Order, he would plainly let me know what the last Resolutions were amongst the *States*.

He said that the *States* were about Four Months since positively resolv'd to enter into the Quarrel of *Flanders*, in case the Marquis had made good his Treaty with them for *Ostend* and *Bruges*, which

were absolutely necessary to them, if they had engaged without His Majesty's taking part in the Quarrel. But upon their Treaty they had agreed, that, in case of His Majesty's engaging, *Ostend* should be excused. That the *States* had been much unsatisfied with the Marquis his failing in that Treaty, and perplext at their not being able to discover any thing of His Majesty's Resolutions. That the different states of the Treaty with the Marquis had occasioned some difference in the temper of their Ambassadors in *England*, between the instances made by them of late and at their first arrival.

After this Preamble, he told me the *States of Holland* finding so much time already lost, and the necessity of putting the best end they could to this War, had at their last separation resolv'd, that it should be propos'd to their Allies to enter into a joint Mediation between the Two Crowns; the force of which should consist in these Three Points.

To oblige *France* to accept the Peace upon the Terms already propos'd by that King, both to the *States*, several Princes of *Germany*, and the Emperor, being either to retain the Conquests of the last Campaign, or to receive instead of them *Aire*, *St. Omers*, *Cambray*, *Douay*, and either *Luxemburgh*, or the County of *Burgundy*. Secondly, To oblige *France* to stop all further Progress of the War, upon the first Proposal of this Mediation, and in case of difficulty in *Spain* to accept it, that it should be left wholly to the Mediators to perswade; or to force them to it. Thirdly, That the Mediators should become jointly the Warranties of this Agreement: With a particular Specification of what Forces each of them should furnish to maintain it against the first breach offered by either side.

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That this being the last Opinion of the *States*, he must say it was his too, and since nothing else could be in time, he hoped that both His Majesty and the Crown of *Sweden* would joyn with them in it.

Upon my Objections against the Honour as well as the Safety of this Proceeding, in comparison of entring jointly with their Allies upon the protection of *Flanders*, and my insinuating the likelihood of His Majesty's taking part on some side in this quarrel, which if with *Spain*, might give us their Sea Towns, or any thing else in their despair; if with *France*, would make that Power unresistible either by *Holland*, or the Princes of the Empire. Monsieur *de Witt* confess I had reason both in the Points of Honour and Safety. That he doubted the Project of the *States* could not secure the *Spaniards* from losing several other Towns next Campaign, in case *France* pursued their point. Nor at some other time upon a new Surprise, but the force of the Mediators might retrieve them. He confess that the *Spaniards* giving up their Ports to His Majesty would occasion a great jealousy in the *States*, and that he believed *France*, upon assurance to engage *England* in their designs, would easily break any Tyes with *Holland*, and in that case said plainly they should lose all Measures, but that was a thing they had never thought on; for besides our Interest, it was directly against an Article of our last Treaty with *Spain*: But after all said, they had been forced to this Resolution as the only thing which could now come in time. That it was unhappy His Majesty had discovered nothing of His Intentions in so many Months. That in case He should yet think fit to declare himself suddenly, perhaps the *States* might be induced to take other Resolutions; and

thereupon desired me to tell him if I had order from his Majesty to acquaint him with any positive Determination he had taken in this Affair; I told him, None, but knowing His Majesty's way of proceeding, could only leave him to guess at his Majesty's Intentions, by sending me on purpose to know his.

Having observ'd in thus much of his discourse no mention of the League Offensive and Defensive, I desired to know what I should say to his Majesty upon that point. He told me the *States* had never made any League Offensive, and it was their Maxim never to do it, nor so much as any Clause in a Defensive, which might in time, or by change of Accidents draw them upon the Offensive. That they were very ready to make a League Defensive with us, and because none very strict and general had yet been between the Nations, he said the best Project was, that which was presented his Majesty at *Scheveling*, and afterwards by Monsieur *Bevermaert*, and wherein the True Maxims of their *States* would be found, of which he said there were Copies remaining in *England* as well as *Holland*. For giving any New Instructions to their Ambassadors, it could not be without Time, nor would there be occasion unless his Majesty should first declare himself, for the *States* could not think fit to alter their Opinions upon an uncertainty.

After this in some further Discourses and looser from my Instructions, he said, he should be glad his Majesty would declare himself for the Protection of *Flanders*; that the *States* he was sure would be far from opposing him in a Resolution so Honourable, and that if *Spain* wanted Money to supply his Majesty upon such an occasion, They would furnish them upon some Towns in *Guelderland*, and in a
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matter of such Importance, would not stand upon a Million or Two, more or less, and repeated thrice the perhaps, that in that case the *States* might yet think fit to take other Resolutions; But that his Majesty must be sudden, and while they were unengaged as they now were, and thereupon promised they would enter into no New Engagements with *France*, but draw out their Treaties upon some difficulties in the points between them, till they receiv'd Letters from their Ambassadors in *England* dated Six Days after my arrival at Court, with the account they should be then able to give of his Majesty's Resolutions.

In the mean time he offered to communicate what had past in our Conference to the Seven Deputies of the *States*, and give me their Opinion before I parted; but I said I could neither desire him nor forbid him to do it, my Errand being wholly to himself; upon which he said he would then take the liberty to do as he found occasion, and desired me, that upon my arrival in *England*, I would represent to his Majesty how necessary it was to take some sudden Resolution in this Affair, and that none could be so ill as not to resolve.

January 23. 68.

S I R,

YOUR Brother carries back to You the Treaties ratified in due Form which you will take care to Exchange, and to send over to us by a safe Conveyance those you receive from the *States*, after which it will be necessary you make all possible haste to *Brussels* to transact further with the Marquis what the inclosed Instructions direct you to; but settling before you go a good Correspondence with *Monsieur de Witt*, which you will daily have occasion to make use of.

Here inclosed I likewise send you a Copy of His Majesty's Letter, which he intends to dispatch away for *France*, by Mr. *Trevor*, as I suppose, in quality of his Envoy. Perhaps it will not be amiss that you impart it to *Monsieur de Witt*, in requital of that he delivered you from the *States*. In our discourse on this matter it hath not occurred to us necessary to instruct our Envoy further, than to enforce the Mediation, and to keep a very perfect good Correspondence with him that shall be sent from *Holland*, and to do all things by Concert; and in this point you must mind them of instructing their Ambassador accordingly.

We have not yet thought of a way of sending into *Spain*. My Lord *Sandwich* is gone from *Madrid* towards *Portugal*: And Mr. *Godolphin* is not yet arriv'd here, which I cannot but much wonder at, since it is now a Month since his departure from *Bilboa*.

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The Count *de D'hona* is arriv'd, and hath had a private Audience of His Majesty.

Before you leave *Holland* you must remember to settle well with Monsieur *de Witt* that point of their lending Money to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* to be furnished to His Majesty, and to learn of them, as far as they will be content to open themselves, by what method, and manner we shall be able to joyn our Forces together, in case our Mediation be rejected; of which we look to hear something from you, after the receipt of this. And likewise what their Opinion is of the King of *France's* present enterprise. And whether it may not beget some variation in his Propositions for a Peace, which may render our work more difficult with *Spain*.

I cannot end this Letter without letting you know how His Majesty hath charged me with giving you thanks for the good Service you have rendered him in this occasion.

I am, &c.

P.S. HIS Majesty would have you discourse with Monsieur *de Witt* concerning the re-establishment of Mr. *Kievit*; letting him know he cannot do a more acceptable thing to him. His Majesty having already written to the *States* so earnestly upon this Subject, he is unwilling to expose himself to a second delay, or denial, and would willingly owe the entire Obligation of it to Monsieur *de Witt*; which he hath, as we suppose, ground enough to do upon His Majesty's having professed that the said Mr. *de Kievit* never corresponded directly, nor indirectly with this Kingdom whilst he

was in the *States Dominions*: That during his abode here he hath labour'd only in promoting the good Intelligence between the Two Nations. You shall do well to advice with *Kievit's* Friends for the manner of handling this point with Monsieur *de Witt*, who will address themselves to you to this effect.

With the Marquis His Majesty would have you take a great deal of Pains for the procuring to Father *Patrick* the Abby he pretends to in *Burgundy*, for the many Services he hath formerly rendred that Crown, the affection the Conde *de Molina*, and Baron *d' Isola* have for him, and the universal good will the whole Court bears him.

INSTRUCTI-

INSTRUCTIONS

For our Trusty and Well Beloved

Sir W. Temple, Bar.

Returning from the Hague to Bruffels.

January 24. 68.

HAVING Exchang'd the Ratification of our Treaties in the *Hague*, and performed all Offices else to establish a good, and entire Correspondence betwixt Us, and the States General, and particularly with Monsieur *de Witt*, you shall transport your self with all convenient speed to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, and in dear, as far as you can, to him the part we have had in bringing the States General to these last Resolutions, so favourable to the affairs of *Spain*; and conjuring him to all possible facility, on his part, in the accomplishing those Points, which are the Foundation of our Union, and the only Human Means left to preserve to our good Brother the Catholick King, the Dominion of his Countreys.

You shall further represent to him, the disabilities we are under towards the providing and setting to Sea a Fleet of 60. Capital Ships; which will be of absolute necessity in our Conjunction with the States General, and that we must expect from him the means of effecting it; which cannot be done
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without the speedy Supply of Four, or 500 000 *l.* That even now in the beginning there must be a considerable part of it advanc'd to us; which we suppose he may be furnished with out of those Moneys the States General are content to lend him upon the Pawn of some Towns, and Places in the *Pays de Geldre*. If he, the Marquis, shall press you to engage us to a Levy of Land Forces, you shall reply to him, that, whilst we are in the state of a Mediator, we cannot properly furnish it, nor indeed, enter into agreement thereupon, but by joint advice with the *States*, after the King of *France* shall have refused the Peace. That our Arming in the mean time strongly by Sea, puts us in as considerable a state of defending the *Spanish* Low Countreys, as can be wish'd, without giving Umbrage to *France*. That the Expence of it will be very vast, and cannot be so much as entred into, till we see means from thence wherewithal to promote it. That in conclusion, you shall insist upon at least 300000 *l.* if you cannot prevail for the greater Sum, and lay your whole stress upon this; declining for the present all Conditions for the Benefit of Trade, which must of course be subject to tedious and long Discussion, and Reports to the Council of *Spain*, finishing with all speed some agreement for the said Sums according to the Powers herewith sent you. And, if you meet any obstacle, or difficulty herein, you shall with all speed transmit it to us, that we may clear it the best way we can from hence.

By His Majesty's Command.

ARLINGTON.

SIR,

Febr. 4. 68.

S I R,

I Have forbore Writing to you since your Brother left us, having no New Matter to entertain you upon, holding you sufficiently instructed to all things before you. Neither have we received any Letter from you.

I was further desirous in my first to acquaint you of Sir *John Trevor's* dispatch, which is now finished, and in his hands. The scope of his Instructions is to promote the Peace as effectually, as is possible, according to the Rules set down in the Treaty, and with an intire Confidence and Communication with the *Holland* Ambassador; and in this latter part he goes warned in a most express manner. We, foreseeing the former cannot miscarry but by the Proposition of some jealousie between them.

I send you the Copy of the King's Letter to the *French* King, which you may shew if you please. And, for their further satisfaction, let them know that *Monsieur de Ruvigny* hath made a Compliment to the King, our Master, from his, almost, I may say, unprovoked, that he will, to gratifie the King of *England*, be content that the suspension of Arms shall be extended to the 15th of *May*. The King, our Master, hath accepted it, and told *Monsieur de Ruvigny* he hoped his Master, having granted so much, would not refuse the addition of 15. days longer at his intreaty.

I long to hear you have exchanged the Ratifications in *Holland*, and also that you negotiate happily

happily with the Marquis; upon which, if any thing occurs to you (requiring your return to *Holland*) useful to the great end before us, His Majesty leaves it to your discretion to do it accordingly; since it will be hard from hence to instruct a New One that will play his part well there.

I am, &c.

Febr. 10. 68.

SIR,

IN my last I sent you a Copy of His Majesty's Instructions to Sir *John Trevor*, which I have since delivered likewise to the *Dutch* Ambassador: And this Night send a Copy of the *States* Instructions to Monsieur *Van Beuningen*, renewing again His Majesty's Injunction to Sir *John Trevor*, to live in an intire Confidence with him.

The Letters this day from *France* say, the King hath *Bezancon*, and *Salmos* surrendred to him, and that he was going to besiege *Dole*. I am not skillful enough to reconcile this with his Professions to make the Peace, or to understand why he should take such pains to get Places to restore them again.

I must oblige you to use your best endeavours with the Marquis for the furnishing His Majesty with ready Money, lest his Preparations stand still for want of it.

Don Juan is coming from *Madrid* with ready Money, and will be in *Flanders* this Month.

I am, &c.

Instructi-

Instructions for Monsieur Van Beuningen, going in quality of Ambassador Extraordinary from the Estates General to his most Christian Majesty.

Instruction pour le Sieur de Beuningen, allant en qualité d'Ambassadeur Extraordinaire de Messieurs, les Estats Generaux des Provinces Unies au Roy Tres-chrétien.

I.

THE said Ambassador, after a Complementary Introduction, shall signifie to the said King, and his Ministers, that the said Estates, having understood the Conditions which his Majesty was pleased to consent unto with Spain, had done all on their part, to effect the Peace to his Majesty's satisfaction, as well by their good Offices, employed with the Spaniard, as also

I.

LE dit Ambassadeur, apres une introduction complimentaire, informera le dit Roy, & ses Ministres de ce que les dits Estats, apres avoir sceu a quelles conditions sa Majesté veut terminer la guerre avec l'Espagne, ont fait de leur côté pour effectuer la Paix au gré de sa Majesté tant par des bons offices, employés auprès des Espagnols, pour les porter accepter les dits conditions, que par

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by their instances to other Princes, to oblige them to joyn in the same design with them.

des instances, faites aux autres Princes, pour les faire conspirer au même dessein avec elles.

II.

And above all, he shall make him perfectly sensible, that by the good success, which their Solicitations have had with the King of *Great Britain*, and by the Treaty concluded betwixt His Majesty and their High and Mightinesses, all is founded upon such a bottom that his most Christian Majesty cannot fail of a Peace upon the said Conditions; if he does but agree to what hath been concluded in the said Treaty, and go along with His Majesty of *Great Britain*, and their High and Mightinesses in directing the Negotiation of Peace upon a foot agreeable to his Inclination, and for the common repose of Christendom.

II.

Et fera sur tout bien comprendre, que par le bon succès, que leurs Sollicitations ont eu auprès du Roy de la Grande Bretagne, & par les Traités conclus entre cette Majesté, & leurs Hautes Puissances, le tout est presentement aux termes, que la Paix aux dites conditions ne peut pas manquer a sa Majesté Tres chrétienne, si elle veut bien agréer le convenu aux des Traités, & convenir avec sa Majesté de la Grande Bretagne, & avec leurs Hautes Puissances diriger la negotiation de la Paix, sur ce pied la, pour sa propre satisfaction, & pour le repos commun de la Chrétienté.

III.

And the said Ambassador shall make use of all such Reasons as may serve to dispose his most Christian Majesty to consent to the said Convention, being instructed, to that end, with necessary Power, and having, for his direction the said Treaty between the King of Great Britain, and their High and Mightinesses.

IV.

And, because there is no express mention made, in the said Treaty of any forcible methods, which shall be employed, in case the Spaniards, contrary to all expectation, do not accept of the Peace, upon the Conditions specified therein, the said Ambassador shall be impowered to promise, in that case, that their High and Mightinesses will take the Field with a powerful Army, and act against

III.

Et usera le dit Ambassadeur de toutes les raisons, que peuvent servir a disposer sa Majesté Tres chrétienne a donner les mains a cette convention, étant muny a cette fin d'un pouvoir necessaire, & ayant pour son instruction les des Traités entre le Roy de la Grande Bretagne, & leurs Hautes Puissances.

IV.

Et, d'autant que, dans les des Traités, ne sont point exprimés les moyens d'efficace, qu'on employera, aucas que les Espagnols, contre toute attente, n'acceptent point la Paix, aux conditions y mentionnées, le dit Ambassadeur se trouvera authorisé de promettre qu', au dit cas, leurs Hautes Puissances mettront en campagne une armée suffisience, & agiront avec elle contre les Espagnols, au Pais Bas
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the *Spaniards*, in the Low Countreys, till the Peace be obtained, in the manner aforesaid.

jusques a se, que la Paix sera obtenu de la maniere susdite.

V.

And the said Ambassador may further promise that, if their High and Mightinesses do not put the same in Execution, his most Christian Majesty, upon that Supposition, shall be no longer restrained from invading the Low Countreys; but may fall upon them according to discretion.

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Et pourra le dit Ambassadeur accorder que si leurs Hautes Puissances n'excutent pas ce qui vient d'être dit, qu'en ce cas la sa Majesté Tres chrétienne ne sera plus tenue de ne faire point entrer ses armées au Pais Bas, mais qu'elle y pourra faire la guerre comme bon luy semblera.

VI.

He may, in like manner, promise that, incontinently after they have come to an agreement with his most Christian Majesty, their High and Mightinesses will not suffer any Troops to march thro their Dominions, to assist the *Spaniard* in the Low Countreys.

VI.

Il pourra aussy accorder, que leurs Hautes Puissances, incontinent après qu'ils seront convenus avec sa Majesté Tres chrétienne sur cette matiere, ne donneront point de passage, par leurs terres, aux troupes, qui pourront marcher, au secours des Espagnols, au Pais Bas.

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The said Ambassador shall entertain, thro the whole Negotiation, an entire Confidence with the King of *Great Britain's* Minister there, at the Court of *France*; and shall manage all in a common concert, as well with that King, as with their High and Mightinesses.

VIII.

He shall also invite the Ministers of other Princes, at that Court, whose Masters are interested in this great Affair, to second the good Intentions of this Estate.

IX.

But, for as much as the whole stress lies upon the said Treaties, with His Majesty of *Great Britain*, he shall not, in any case, begin the said Concert with his most Christian Majesty, before they be ratified.

VII.

Le dit Ambassadeur usera d'une confiance entiere, en toute cette negotiation, avec le Ministre, qui se trouvera, de la part du Roy de la Grande Bretagne, a la Cour de France, & dirigera le tout a un commun concert, tant avec cette Majesté, que avec leurs Hautes Puissances.

VIII.

Il invitera aussi les Ministres des autres Princes a la dite Cour, dont les Maîtres ont interest dans ce grand affaire, a seconder les bonnes intentions de cet Estat.

IX.

Mais, d'autant que tout se repose sur les dits Traités avec sa Majesté de la Grande Bretagne, il n'achevera pas le dit concert, avec sa Majesté Tres chrétienne, qu'ils ne soient auparavant ratifiés.

Whitehal, February 14. 68.

SIR,

I Have received yours of the 17th. with an inclosed account of the Transactions between the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, and the Deputies of *Holland*, by which it does not yet appear that the Marquis is prepared enough to the acceptance of that Alternative which the *French* shall chuse. It is probable he will suspend his final Declaration till it is absolutely necessary, or that he may hope a Successor may come to have the Honour of it; which I dare say, as to that circumstance, he will willingly part with. When you are with him, you must remember to prepare him not to find it strange, if, in our Project at *Paris*, the Terms are made reciprocal, when we threaten alike that King, that shall refuse the Peace. For tho, as you well remember, the Term in our Treaty with *Holland* is a little softned towards *Spain*; yet in Monsieur *Van Beuningen's* Instructions, Art. 4. you see that, in case the *Spaniards* refuse the Peace, he is to promise the States will enter into *Flanders* with a sufficient Army, and force it. And you may remember likewise we told you both the *Spanish* Ambassador, and the Baron *de Isola*, have in their Discourse always swallowed this Foundation. I mention this particular the more at large to you, because I find the *Dutch* Ambassadors are full of Apprehension that the Marquis may be too resty on his part; and have therefore taken a great deal of pains to perswade the Baron *de Isola* to go over into *Flanders*; supposing you Two together will be able to do more with his Excellency than all the rest of his Council.

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There is another point troubles them much ; they have asked me whether there be no means of agreeing the Marquis with Monsieur *de Martyn*, the Prince *de Ligny*, and the other great Men of those Countries.:

We have Letters from my Lord *Sandwich* at *Lisbon* of the 20. of *Jan.* which tell us the *Cortes* had sworn Fealty to *Don Pedro*: That he had had one Audience with him: That he had proposed the giving the Marquis *del Carsno* his liberty, and hoped to have it ; in a word, That the Nobility and People shewed such an inclination to the Peace, that he was almost confident it would be made: That Monsieur *de St. Romain* travers'd him all he could, with the assistance of the *French* Party, and, amongst other things, alledged his Credentials and Powers, being elder than their Treaty with *France*, were not of effect: For which reason we are dispatching away a Vessel with some of a fresher date. His Memorial was directed to the King, as in the Queen Regents time, and the *Infanta* stood on the right hand of the Canopy, but not under it: There are other particulars in my Letter, which shall be transcribed for you this Night, if I can get it out of the Queens hands.

The Parliament, instead of falling upon the King's Succour, have unhappily led themselves into the Report of the Committee, appointed before Christmas, to report the miscarriages of the late War. At the Conclusion of which we are to hope they will be in a better humour to assist His Majesty upon a League they seem to like so much.

I am, &c.

P. S.

The *Swedish* Ambassador had his first Audience this Day, and seems very ready (professing he hath Powers to that effect) to come into our League with *Holland*.

*The Swedish Ambassador's Offer to
come as Principal into the Treaty.*

WHereas the King of *Great Britain*, and the States of the *United Provinces*, of the *Low-Countreys*, have much desired to draw the King of *Swedeland*, as Principal with them, into the League, which was this Day concluded and Signed by their Deputies and Plenipotentiaries, for the furthering a speedy and safe Peace between the two Neighbour Kings; as also that, by the assistance of the Divine Grace, a general quiet may be settled in Christendom: And whereas the King of *Swedeland*, himself hath, from the beginning of these Commotions, which are sprung up between the two mentioned Kings, expressed both to the King of *Great Britain*, and to the States of the *United Netherlands*, his good and sincere Purpose and Desire to associate and joyn with them in this business aforesaid, in regard of the most strict Friendship, and these Ties, by which he acknowledgeth himself bound in the same Interest with them, and by this Intervention, and by all other convenient and honourable Ways to labour to settle Peace between
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both Kings, and that he hath not hitherto been hindred, by any difficulty, from declaring his mind upon the whole business, but only that he expected, some certain Information, what Council and Resolution the King of *Great Britain* and the States of the *United Provinces* would take upon this Matter, and how far Assistances, and Things of that Nature might be advanced, wherein the said King of *Swedeland* expected to receive satisfaction, that he might go on with the King of *Great Britain* and the States of the *United Provinces* in an even and equal Pace; therefore it hath been thought fit for the Publick Good, that this Instrument, between the Ministers, Deputies, and Plenipotentiaries of the said Kings of *Great Britain* and *Swedeland*, and the said States of the *United Provinces*, should be committed to Writing; by which on one side, the King of *Swedeland* might be obliged, provided he receive the aforesaid satisfaction, to enter into the forementioned League, and to engage equally in the same undertaking, and to proceed in the like manner, as the said King of *Great Britain*, and the said States think fit to do, for the promoting of so pious a Work: And on the other side the said King of *Swedeland* might be thus informed that there is full room left for him to enter, as a Principal Party, into this League. As by these presents especially he is friendly desired to do, by the King of *Great Britain*, and the States of the *United Provinces*, who, will with all willingness, use their endeavours with the Emperour, and King of *Spain*, for the speediest composure, and just determining of some differences, which the said King of *Swedeland* may have with them: But as to the assistance, which the said King desires, the States General of the

United Provinces will not omit to give such necessary Orders to their Ambassadors, in the British Court, that such Counsels may be taken for the right settling of things, requisite and necessary; between them, and those Commissioners, whom the said King of *Great Britain* shall appoint for that Affair, and the Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of *Sweden*, who is now going thither from the *Netherlands*, that the said League may, in little time, take the Form and Substance of a Triple Agreement, and our endeavours shall be every where, most diligently employed, to draw into it all such Friends and Confederates as desire to be admitted thereinto.

A Project. whereby the King of Swedeland should be received into the Treaty between the English and Dutch.

Forma quâ Rex Suevicus adscisci debeat in Confœderationem inter Regem Angliæ & Ordines Uniti Belgii habitam.

THe most Serene and Potent Prince and Lord, Lord Charles, by the Grace of God, of the Swedes, Goths and Vandals King and Prince Hereditary, &c. So soon as the report of those fresh Commotions, which have hapned in the Spanish Netherlands, between the Two Neighbouring Kings, reached his Majesty's Ears (conceiving doubtful Imaginations thereupon, lest these might be the forerunners of greater Evils, and that the Flame might extend it self further, whereby the Christian World

Serenissimus atque Potentissimus Princeps ac Dominus, Dominus Carolus Dei Gratiâ Suecorum, Gothorum, Wandalorumque Rex ac Princeps Hereditarius, &c. Ex quo ad Regiam suam Majestatem fama pervenit de novis quibusdam motibus, qui in Belgio Hispanico duos inter vicinos Reges coorti sunt, sollicitudinem concipiens maximam, nè fortè majorum malorum isthæc essent initia, ac latius diffunderetur hoc incendium, ex cujus occasione toti Christiano Orbi gravissima imminerent incommoda atque

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might be exposed to infinite inconveniences and dangers) he did not only behold with Pleasure the rest of the Kings and Estates of Europe (but more especially the King of *Great Britain* and the *United Provinces*) concerned and careful that so dangerous a War might, by mature and Wise Counsels, be timely stopt and concluded; but, desirous to contribute his own Care and Pains to so necessary and wholsom a Work, most kindly gave Instructions to his Ambassador Extraordinary, the Illustrious and Excellent Lord Count *de Dhona* Field-Marshal, &c. After the conclusion of the Peace at *Breda*, and the dispatch of other Negotiations at the *Hague*, to continue there, that, if any Proposals should be offered, or Treaty entred upon, in order to re-settle a Peace, between the Two Kings engaged in the War aforesaid, he

discrimina; non modo lubenter percepit, aliis Europæis Regibus atque Statibus, præsertim verò Serenissimo Magnæ Britannæ Regi atque Cælis ac Præpotentibus Dominis Ordinibus Uniti Belgii id curæ cordique esse, ut bellum tam periculosum maturis atque providis consiliis in tempore sisti ac sopiri posset, sed & ipsamet tam necessario tamque salutari operi promovendo operam suam denegare nolens, Legato suo Extraordinario Illustrissimo atque Excellentissimo Domino Cometi de Dhona, Campi Mareschallo, &c. Cum post Pacem Bredæ confectam, aliaque negotia cum Dominis Ordinibus Generalibus pertractata, Hagæ-Comitum adhuc persisteret, clementissime in mandatis dedit, ut si fortè de Pace inter belligerantes Reges supra memoratos redintegrandâ, deliberatio susciperetur, vel tractatus iniretur, & ipse in id incumberet, operamque suam omni meliori
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might use his utmost endeavours and interest to promote the same. For his Majesty abovesaid is more intent upon, and inclined unto the solliciting of that Affair, both because the Offices of his Mediation have been Friendly required as well as readily received by the most Christian King of France: as also that so strict an Alliance hath formerly been and continued between his Swedish Majesty, and the King of Great Britain, together with the High and Mighty Estates of the United Provinces, that he is bound in as strong a Friendship, and a defensive League with both of them, as the foresaid King of Great Britain and the States General are with one another: wherefore in consideration of the mutual and reciprocal Alliance, which hath been formerly between both those Kings and the States of the United Provinces, his Royal Majesty

modo ad idem opus conferret; utique cum summe memorata Regia Majestas ad ejusmodi negotii curam tanto proclivior, tantoque propensior reddita sit, quod ejus interpositionis officia à Christianissimo Galliarum Rege & amicè requisita, & promptè gratèque recepta sint; nec non jam antea Sacra Regiæ Majestati Sueciæ, cum Serenissimo Magnæ Britannia Rege, Celsisque ac Præpotentibus Dominis Ordinibus Generalibus Uniti Belgii necessitudo intercedat adeo arcta, ut cum iidem non minus utrinque firmissimæ amicitiaæ atque defensivi fœderis contineatur nexu, quam inter se summe dictus Magnæ Britannia Rex, ac Domini Ordines Generales devincti sunt; unde ob Confœderationum priorum sortem adeo mutuam, & reciprocè hinc inde inter ambos hosce Reges & Statum Uniti Belgii correspondentem, in eorundem societatem etiam in hoc negotio semet ut partem

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of *Swedeland* can see no reason why, upon their Invitation he should refuse to associate with them as a Principal in this Affair.

Wherefore seeing that just when the foresaid *Swedish* Legate Extraordinary was going to depart from the *Hague*, and to pass over into *England*, a Minister from the King of *Great Britain* came altogether unexpectedly thither, and concluded with the States General concerning the Affair in hand upon the 13. of *January*, this present Year, the Legate Extraordinary of *Swedeland* could not subscribe to the said Treaty, by reason of the narrowness of Time, and also because it was but proper, in a matter of so great a Consequence, to be perfectly informed of the King of *Great Britain's* intent and meaning. However, in the mean while, it is provided and established, by a particular and authen-

Principalem adscisci, Sacra Regia Majestas Suecica ab iisdem ad hoc invitata ac rogata cur renueret non invenit.

Quapropter, cum sub ipsum discessum supradicti Domini Legati Extraordinarii Suevici, eo prorsus tempore, quo Haga abiturus, iterque suum versus Angliam ingressurus erat, plane ex improvise acciderit, ut Serenissimi Regis Magnae Britanniae Minister eo advenerit, ac cum Dominis Ordinibus Generalibus de negotio indigitato die 13. Jan. anni volventis transegerit; ipsi quidem tractatui, ob nimias temporis angustias, & quia de tanti momenti negotio Serenissimi Magnae Britanniae Regis mentem ac intentionem probe prius cognoscere atque percipere non immerito cupiebat, Legatus Sueciae Extraordinarius subscribere statim non potuit; actu tamen peculiari atque authentico, interea provisum ac constitutum est, ut Sacra Regia
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rick Act, that his *Swedish* Majesty should embrace the intended League, and become a Principal Party in it, and that the League already mentioned, should receive the Substance and Form of a Triple Compact, so soon as the Ministers of both Kings and the States General in *England* had concluded upon all that was requisite and necessary to be done whereby *Swedeland* might go on semblably and equally with *England* and the *United Provinces* in this Negotiation according to the import of the Act peculiarly sign'd: which, after the arrival of the Legate Extraordinary of *Swedeland*, instructed with sufficient Power for that end, being now treated and agreed upon here, the League, concluded the Day and Year above said, is not only approved and confirm'd after the best manner, by his *Swedish* Majesty, and all and singular the Articles there-

Majestas Sueciæ designatum fœdus, partésque in eo principales amplecteretur, atque ut fœdus jam dictum consequeretur substantiam atque formam pacti tripliciter conventi, quamprimum per Regis utriusq; Ministros ac Dominorum Ordinum Generalium Legatos in Angliâ degentes conventum fuisset de omnibus iis requisitis ac necessariis, quæ efficere debent, ut Suecia, pari & æquato, cum Anglia, atque Unito Belgio, passu, secundum acti istius peculiariter consignati tenorem, in hoc opere procedere possit: De quibus cum, post adventum Domini Legati Extraordinarii Sueciæ, potestate ac mandatis sufficientibus ad id instructi, nunc hic actum conventumque sit, non modo à parte Sacræ Regiæ Majestatis Sueciæ fœdus istud, inter Serenissimum Magnæ Britanniæ Regem ac Dominos Ordines Generales, die ac loco supra significatis, percussum, omni meliori modo approba-

of repeated and corroborated; but also the same League is improved and consolidated, by several additional Articles, which the Nature of the *Swedish* Affairs, as well as some other circumstances required, in the following manner.

Artic. I.

In the First place, it is concluded and ordained, That between the Kings of *Swedeland* and *Great Britain* and the States General of the *United Provinces* respectively, and their Subjects, Kingdoms, Dominions and Provinces, a Firm, Perpetual and Real Friendship and good Correspondence shall be and remain, which shall be so sincerely and carefully cultivated, that each Party shall heartily and truly promote the Dignity and Prosperity of the other, and with equal care endeavour to avert every thing that may oppose them.

tur. atque confirmatur ejusque articuli cuncti & singuli hic repetuntur ac corroborantur; sed & illud idem fœdus per quosdam adjectos articulos, quos ratio Suevicæ rei, aliæque circumstantiæ exigebant, in modum sequentem adaugetur ac consolidatur.

Artic. I.

Ac primo quidem conclusum & statutum est, ut inter respectivè Serenissimos & Potentissimos Sueciæ Magnæque Britanniæ Reges, Celsosque & Præpotentes D. D. Ordines Generales Fœderati Belgii eorumque Subditos, Regna, Ditiones & Provincias, firma, perpetua & sincera semper sit maneatque amicitia & bona correspondentia, eaque ita sincere serioque colatur, ut quilibet partium commoda alterius dignitatemque mutuam ex animo bonaque fide promoveant, quicquid verò ei adversatur pari studio avertere conentur.

II.

For that end the Conditions of former Leagues and Alliances, whereby the Kings and Kingdoms abovesaid, as also the States General of the United Provinces, are mutually engaged to each other, shall remain both firm and inviolable.

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In eum finem firmæ quoque & inviolabiles manebunt antiquiores amicitie & fœderum leges, quarum vigore altissimè memorati Reges & Regna, Celsique & Præpotentes D.D. Ordines Generales Belgii Fœderati sibi invicem antehac devincti sunt.

III.

Moreover, at this time, upon an intuition of the present Constitution of Things, as in like manner of those Dangers, which threaten the Common Good, and particularly the Confederates, an especial and mutual League Defensive must be established by Virtue whereof the Confederates are bound, by the strictest Obligations of Confederacy to the mutual defence of their Kingdoms and their Dominions; to the preservation of a common Tran-

III.

Hac vice insuper, intuitu præsentis rerum constitutionis, periculorumque, quæ publicæ rei, fœderatisque imprimis ingruere videntur, conditum sit speciale & mutuum fœdus defensivum, cujus virtute fœderati invicem, arctissimo confœderationis nexu, obligentur & mutuam salutis, Regnorumque & Ditionum suarum defensionem, securitatisque & tranquillitatis publicæ conservationem, adeoque prosperenda & redintegrandâ pace per belli nuper conslati minas, discrimi-
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quility and Safety; and finally, To assert and set up that Peace which, by the menaces of a War, but lately broke out, as also the dangerous Consequences arising from it, may to the disturbance of *Europe* be easily trampled under foot.

IV.

But above all other Considerations let the Confederates propose as a Basis, the Peace of *Westphalia*, An. 1648. concluded at *Osnabrugh* and *Munster*, which Treaty is always to be accounted as the Foundation upon which those things relating to the Benefit and Safety of the Confederates in general ought to be built.

V.

But the principal mark, towards which this Confederacy ought to be directed, is and shall be the mutual Preservation of

naque inde oritura aliàs, in turbationem Europe; facile conculcanda.

IV.

Ante omnia verò proponatur hic cuilibet Fœderatorum tanquam Basis conservatio Pacis Westphaliçæ, An. 1648. Osnabrugis & Monasterii conclusæ quæ pacificatio ubique instar fundamenti habenda est, eorum quæ in usum & salutem communium Confœderatorum desuper edificari debent.

V.

Træcipuus verò scopus ad quem hoc Fœdus collimare debet, est, eritque mutua omnium Confœderatorum, eorumque Reg-

all the Confederates, their Kingdoms and Provinces, situated in Europe, the Warranty of their common Safety and Tranquility, and a defence from all growing Dangers and Affronts. And for this reason the Confederates shall preserve and promote all their Rights and Dominions, by Land and Sea, their People, Navigation, Commerce and mutual Liberties, which shall be done in such manner that, if any danger, in general or in particular, appear to threaten them, or any Machinations or Conspiracies of their Enemies be discovered, they shall impart it to each other, and as far as it lies within their Power, shall prevent and oppose them, neither shall they be consenting that any thing be acted, or agitated to the disadvantage of any of the Confederates; but if any such matter come to their knowledge, they shall straightway dis-

norum & Provinciarum in Europa sitarum. conservatio, publicæque salutis & tranquillitatis manutentionia & ab ingruentibus periculis & injuriis defensio, itaque Fura, Dominiæque omnia terra marique Ditiones; Populos, Navigationes, Commercia & Libertates mutuas Confederati invicem curabunt & promovebunt, atque si, si pericula aliqua aut omnibus simul, aut huic illi in specie immineant, vel machinationes aliquæ & conspirationes inimicorum innotuerint, facient sese invicem certiores, easque quantum in se est impediunt & resistunt, neque consentient, ut incommodo alicujus Confederati quidpiam agatur aut tractetur; quin si tale quid intellectum fuerit, mox indicabunt, viribusque omnibus avertent.

cover it, and oppose it with all their might.

VI.

But this is particularly concluded and provided amongst the Confederates, that whereas a grievous War is begun, for the *Belgick Provinces*, between the Two Neighbouring Kings, as is above said, which may draw in the adjoining People, and easily reach and involve the Estates and concerns of the Confederates, they shall embrace each other with a mutual Love and Affection, and provide by mature Counsels, that so great an ill, as may obliquely strike the Estate of *Europe*, may be presently, and as it were, cropt in the very Bud.

VI.

Potissimum hoc inter Fœderatos statutum & cautum est, ut quandoquidem de Provinciis Belgicis inter duos, uti supra dictum est, finitimos Reges grave bellum exortum sit, quod ad vicinos trahi, Confœderatorumque status & emolumenta facile corripere & implicare queat, Fœderati sese invicem mutuo amore & affectu complectantur, maturisque consiliis provideant, ut tantum malum, quod Europæ statum in transversum agere possit, quantocyus & velut in herbâ sistatur & sopiatur.

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Whitehal, Febr. 17. 68.

SIR,

MY last was directed, as this, to *Brussels*: where, at our, and the *Dutch* Ambassador's Recommendation, you are like to see the Baron *D'Isola* quickly; We believing he will be of great Use to the determining the Marquis his Resolutions; which they fear much, and enlarge their Apprehensions upon the quarrels that are betwixt him and the Count *de Martin*, and all the *Flemish* Principal Nobility, and have several times asked me whether His Majesty might not interpose to the reconciling them. I shall mind His Majesty, at least, of taking an occasion to lament them, and the mischiefs they will certainly occasion at the Baron's going from hence.

Since my last the Count *de D'hona* hath given in a *Project*, and declared his sufficient Power to enter into our Treaty with *Holland* for the making the Peace. Communicating which to the *Holland* Ambassadors, and desiring their meeting with His Majesty's Commissioners to treat thereupon, I was surpris'd with their saying they had not Power; or Instructions to do it; but they said they would immediately send for both. The only difficult point in the *Project* is, requiring us, together with the States, to assure a blank Sum to them to be paid at the beginning of every Three Months for the entertainment of their Army for the future. And because, as the Ambassador says, they kept it on foot, first at His Majesty's recommendation, and since, at the recommendation of the States, that they may

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receive from Us both some Compensation. When we come to debate the point, we shall take for granted, as a Member of the League, they will do something themselves; next, that *Spain* will do something. And, when these two Points are assured, we suppose the rest of the Burthen, being laid upon us, and the States, it will not be insupportable, with this reservation, on our parts, that *Spain* will enable us to discharge what shall fall to our share. I tell you this matter, thus particularly, that you may mention it to his Excellency when you come to talk of Money matters.

The House of Commons are yet in their enquiry after miscarriages; I leave it to your other Correspondents to tell you what Votes they have passed therein. But cannot forbear letting you know that Mr. *Marvel* hath struck hard at me, upon the Point of Intelligence, tho' hitherto unsuccessfully, as to the doing of me any harm thereby. This Day he hath given me cause to forgive him, by being the first Man that, in the midst of this enquiry, moved the taking into Consideration the matter of His Majesty's Speech, which begat the resolution of doing it on *Wednesday* Morning.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, Febr. 21. 68.

S I R,

I Have received no Letters from your self since that of the 17th. *S. N.* but by the hands of the Dutch Ambassadors, I had a Copy of that you wrote to Monsieur *de Witt* of the 24th. after your first

first discourse with the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* at *Antwerp*, as likewise a Copy of Monsieur * *de Witt*'s answer to you. And as His Majesty applauded much the ground you had gotten of the Marquis, beyond what the Deputies of *Holland* could do with him; so he approved as much Monsieur *de Witt*'s directions to you, and hath commanded me to signifie his Pleasure that you follow them punctually, as if you had them immediately from hence, since they are so conformable to his own mind, and to the end he desires, that is to say, the making of the Peace, which we have more reason to fear the *Spaniards* will not be so easie in, since the making that of *Portugal*. The News of which was brought us on *Tuesday* last, with the Articles to be ratified, and sent to both Crowns, you will find the substance of them in the enclosed Gazette.

* *Vid. Sir W. Temple's Letters, Vol. I. p. 460.*

We hear nothing from Sir *John Trevor* since his landing at *Calais*. I hope you take all opportunities of writing to him, and directing him in his Negotiation, according as you see the substance of it play from *Holland* and *Flanders*.

It is not to be told what mischief the Privateers of *Ostend* do to our Merchants. You must make sharp Expostulations upon it to the Marquis, and let him understand all the Good Will we have for *Spain* will not make us able to digest these Wrongs, and that he cannot do a more acceptable thing to this Nation than shewing them, by some Overt and Effective Act, that these Pyracies are not countenanced by his Authority.

I am, &c.

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Monfieur *de Witt.* *Monfieur de Witt.*

Antwerp, Feb. 24. S. N. 68.

Anvers, 24. Fev. 68.

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AT my arrival here last Night, I found by good luck, the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* in Town, and at the first Audience, which I had this Morning, I left him in this Resolution; at present, of the Publick Affairs now lying before us.

That the first time, that the Deputies of the States and I should jointly give him Reasons, on the part of our Masters, to give a more clear and more positive Answer to the Propositions already made by the said Deputies, at their arrival here, his Excellency will tell us, That, as to that

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A Mon arrivé icy hier au soir, j'ay trouvé, par bon heur, Monsieur le Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo* en cette ville: & à la premier Audience, que j'ay en ce matin, je l'ay laissé en cette resolution sur les affaires communs, a present sur le tapis.

Que la premier fois, que Messieurs, les Deputés des Estats, & moy conjointement, luy ferons les instances, de la part de nos Maîtres, pour tirer un réponse plus claire & plus positive sur les Propositions déjà faites par les dits Deputés à leur arrivé icy, son Excellence nous dira qui pour ce, qui est de la
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which relates to the Truce, he accepts of it till the end of the Month of *May*, and in the mean time, also he accepts it to the end of the Month of *March*, to give room for an immediate cessation of Arms on both sides.

That, in the second place, he will appoint a Person to go to *Aix*, to treat with the Minister of his most Christian Majesty, in Quality, and with Powers requisite on that occasion.

That for the third Point, of the Alternative, he has already sent into *Spain* for more absolute Powers to consent thereunto, and does not in the least doubt of receiving them, even before the Treaty shall be set on foot, to stand in need of them. In the mean time he hopes that the King my Master, and the States General will employ their utmost endeavours with his most Christian Majesty to dispose him, on his part,

Trefue, elle accepté jusques à la fin du mois de May, & par advance l'accepte aussy, à la fin du Mars, pour donner lieu a une immediate suspension d'armes de deux côtés.

Qu'en second lieu il nommera une personne pour aller a Aix, & traiter avec le Ministre de sa Majesté tres chrétienne, en la qualité, & avec les pouvoirs requis dans cette occasion.

Que, pour le troisième point de l'Alternative, il a déjà depeché en Espagne pour avoir les absolus pouvoirs d'y consentir, & ne doute aucunement de les recevoir, devant même que le Traité pourra être en train, de le requirer, & en attendant il espere que le Roy mon Maître & les Estats Generaux employeront leurs offices auprès du Roy tres Chrétien pour le disposer, de son côté, d'accepter la trefue, jusques à la fin du moy de May, aussy bien

to accept of the Truce, to the end of *May*, as also to that of *March*, to facilitate the following Negotiations, and to be contented with the said Alternative, according to the Project of Peace made between the King of *Great Britain*, my Master, and the States.

And, as to the rest, that his Excellency will omit nothing, on his side, to let the World see, that *Spain* is not behind hand either with *England*, or *Holland* in the sincere desires, which they have testified for the Peace and repose of Christendom.

Being assured of this Answer from his Excellency, I writ to day, to *Malines*, to desire the Deputies of the States, to take a turn hither, as soon as possibly they can, that we may joyntly demand an Audience, which I hope by their diligence we may have to morrow. After which we will communicate the Answer, as well to the Ministers of

qu'à celle de Mars, pour donner lieu aux Negotiations suivantes, aussy bien que de se contenter de la dit Alternative selon le Project de la Paix, fait entre le Roy de la Grande Bretagne mon Maître & les Estats.

Et, au reste, que son Excellence n'obmettra rien, de son côté, pour faire voir au monde que l'Espagne ne cede pas, ny à l'Angleterre, ny à l'Hollande, dans les desires sinceres, qu'ils sont témoignés de la Paix, & repos de la Chrétienté.

Estant assuré de cette réponse de la part de son Excellence, j'ay écrit aujourduy à Malines pour prier Messieurs les Deputés de faire un tour icy le plutôt qu'il leur sera possible, à fin que nous demandions conjoynement l'audience, & j'espere de leur diligence que nous pourrons l'avoir demain. Après laquelle nous donnerons part de la réponse aux
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the King my Master, as those of the States at *Paris*, that thereupon they may employ themselves to bring his most Christian Majesty to consent to an immediate cessation of Arms, as the first and most necessary foundation of all the rest.

In the mean while having prest the Marquis franckly to accept without any further hesitation the Alternative as well as the Truce. He told me *en confidence* that it will be impossible as yet to consent thereto, without persuading *France* to take an equivalent for *Tournay*, *Courtray*, *Oudenarde*, and the other small places which advance themselves so far into the heart of the Countrey, that they even block up the Gates of *Brussels*. That he always depending upon the Good Offices that we shall employ in this business, He is resolved to accept the Alternative, as soon as he

Ministres, tant du Roy, mon Maître, que de Messieurs les Estats a Paris, à fin qu'ils se promissent employer la dessus a faire consentir le Roy Tres chrétien à une immediate suspension d'armes, comme le premier & nécessaire fondement de tout le reste.

En attendant, ayant pressé Monsieur le Marquis d'accepter franchement, sans plus balancer, l'Alternative, aussy bien que la trefue, il m'a dit, en confidence, qu'encore qu'il sera quasi impossible d'y consentir sans persuader a la France de prendre l'équivalent pour Tournay, Courtray, Oudenarde, & les autres petites places, qui s'avancent dans le coeur du pais, & ferreront les portes mêmes de Brussels. Que se fiant tous jours aux Offices, qui nous employerons à cet regard, il est resolu d'accepter l'Alternative tout aussy tôt qu'il pourra être assuré de quelle façon & jusquils a quel point il sera assisté par le Roy mon

can be assured in what manner, and how far he shall be assisted by the King my Master and the States, in case that *France* is obstinate, neither to accept the Truce, nor be contented with the Alternative, that his Excellency may see that, as we desire the Peace, by a common concert, so we will be ready, with the same concert, to sustain the War in case that the ambition and obstinateness of *France* makes it inevitable.

To this end his Excellency desires very much to have a Conference with you and me together, in case that under pretence to see your Estate near——you may take an occasion to come to the Frontiers: or if that cannot be done, he desires that you will send a Person of your intire Confidence, and, with him, Instructions from the Commissioners of Secret Affairs, that we may concert the Means and

Maitre, & Messieurs les Estats, en cas que la France l'opiniâtre ny d'accepter la Treffe, ny de se contentir de l'Alternative même, à fin que son Excellence promisse voir que, comme nous desirons la Paix par un commun concert, nous serons prêt avec le même concert aussy de soutenir la guere, en cas que l'ambition & l'opiniâtré de la France nous en rende inevitable.

A cette fin son Excellence desire fort de l'aboucher avec vous & moy ensemble, en cas que, sous pretexte de voir vos biens aupres de—— vous trouveres a propos de vous rendre sur la frontiere: ou si cela ne se peut pas faire, il desire que vous luy envoyiez une personne de vôtre entiere confiance, & avec les instructions de la part de Messieurs les Commissaires des affaires secretes, à fin que nous pussions concerter les moyens, & les
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Proportions to be observed by all three for the maintaining the War, in case of an absolute refusal, or familiar amusements of *France*, in this occasion. And, before this can be concerted between us, his Excellency will frankly declare for the Alternative, that is to say (to ratifie it) in the mean while that we may take care to have Powers from our Masters to conclude, that which has been a stop to us together by a previous concert.

Of all this his Excellency desired me to inform you this Evening, by this Express, which will wait for your Answer. And I desire you to send to the States Ambassadors in *England* a Copy of this Letter by the Packet, which goes on *Saturday* to *Harwich*, to give it my Lord *Arlington*, because I don't think the *Newport* Packet so secure as yours.

proportions à être observées de tout trois pour la soutiene de la guerre, en cas d'un refus absolu ou de amusements accoutumés de la France, en cette occasion & par apres, que cela sera concerté entre nous, son Excellence declarera franchement sur l'Alternative (c'est a dire ad ratificandum) en attendant que nous tachions de faire venir les pouvoirs, de la parte de nos Maîtres, pour conclure ce que nous aurons arrêté ensemble pour un concert provisionel.

De tout cela son Excellence m'a prie de vous donner part, ce soir, même par cet exprès, qui attendra vôtre réponse, & je vous prie de faire tenir aux Ambassadeurs des Estats, en Angleterre, une copie de cette Lettre par le paquet, qui part le Samedy vers Harwich, pour la donner a my Lord Arlington, puisque les Paquets de Newport ne me semblent pas si assurés que les vôtres.

I am somewhat concern'd at the proceedings of Don *Estavan de Gamarra*, who has writ to the Marquis that I have shewn him the Third of our separate Articles, and says, at the same time, that, by the Second, we were agreed not to force *Spain* to the Alternative, in case of a refusal on his side.

The Marquis will not have me resent it, not knowing whether it was done out of Ignorance or Malice; and therefore I shall content my self to tell you (in case he should have plaid me the same trick by his discourse in the *Hague*) that he is much mistaken, and perhaps would take this revenge because that I only read to him the Third Article with a design, that he might not take notice what the Marquis said to me; and that, as to the rest, I have neither told him

Je suis un peu touché par le procede de Don Estavan de Gamarra, qui a écrit au Marquis que je luy avois montre le troisiéme de nos Articles séparés, & dit en même temps que par les second nous étions accordé de ne forcer pas l'Espagne a l'Alternative, en cas de refus de son côté.

Le Marquis ne veut pas que je m'en resente, ne sachant pas s'il aura fait ou par ignorance, ou par malice, & pour cela je me contenteray de vous dire (en cas qu'il m'aura joué le même tour par ces discours à la Haye) qu'il est fort trompé, & peut être à voulu avoir cette reveange de ce que je luy ay seulement leu le troisiéme Article, en la fin, qu'il n'entend pas a ce que me dit le Marquis, & qu'au reste, je ne luy ay pas tout dit, mais aussy je n'ay rien dit ny a luy, ny a per-
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any thing at all, nor have I, in reality spoke of it to any Body. *sonne que me fît veritable.*

I desire you still to continue me in the possession of that Friendship you have always expressed to me, and believe that I am, as sincerely and heartily as any Body, *Je vous supplié de me maintenir tousjours dans la possession que vous m'avez donné de vôtre amitié & de croire que je suis aussy veritablement, & autant que personne.*

S I R,

Monfieur,

Your most Affectionate *Vôtre tres Humble & tres*

Humble Servant, *Affectioné Serviteur,*

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Whitehal, Febr. 28. 68.

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Since my last to you of this day sevenight, I have received yours of *Febr. the 27th.* and *March the 2d.* as likewise all your former, with the signed Articles of Commerce by the *Mervin Yacht*; which Articles are ingrossing for His Majesty's Ratification, and for Publick Satisfaction, are now in the Press to be Published, with the Defensive, and the mediating Leagues; We directing our selves herein by the example in *Holland*, and the curiosity in the Parliament to see what is effectually done in our Negotiation, so celebrated, and valued by us here at home. If there have been any Errors in Form, as you seem to say there was in yours of *March the 2d.* it must have been your omission, or the Deputies, with whom you treated, to sign both the Parts: but all this is sufficiently overruled by the Ratification, and our Printing on both sides.

When I read to His Majesty your discourse with Monsieur *de Witt* about the *Pavillon*, he bid me silence you for the future in that Point, because, however Monsieur *de Witt* may insist upon the contrary, that which hath been practised in all times must be acknowledged to be the Rule, till we can be perswaded, or beaten out of it. And the truth is, besides, His Majesty's jealousy herein, the Punctilio of the Nation is so universal, that it cannot be held a safe thing to dispute it, so that in conclusion, if you be called upon hereafter again in this matter, you must say

say, you dare not meddle in it till you have express directions to treat upon it.

His Majesty was very glad to read in yours, of *March* the 2d. received the last night, that you had gained the great Point of the Marquis agreeing to the Alternative, which was likewise confirmed in his Excellency's Letter to the *Conde de Molina*; so that now we have it in our hands to press the King of *France* to a Categorical Answer upon the Peace. I hope you have signified so much to Sir *John Trevor*, to whom I likewise wrote it last Night by the Ordinary Post.

Monsieur de Ruvigny, even before the News of this, confidently continued affirming to us, that his Master would make a Peace, notwithstanding that all the *French* Letters are full of the contrary.

And, the Truth is, the belief his Opinion gained, and another, That His Majesty had yet 500000 *l.* in Bank of the Old Money, have contibuted much to the House of Commons Voting His Majesty but 300000 *l.* towards this great Matter, in which he is engaged. Upon the knowledge of which I assure my self, you will double your Instances and Diligences, in pressing the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, to furnish His Majesty with some present and effective Supply of Money, without which it will be impossible for him to Arm Himself so, as to answer his Obligation to *Holland*, and the expectation, and real necessity of the *Spanish* Low Countreys. And how backward soever they were in *Holland*, before this Point gained of the Marquis to furnish him with Moneys upon the Pawns, for fear that should render him more Averse to a Treaty; yet now, when *France* hath answered positively to our Minister for the Peace, I am willing to perswade my self the

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Hollander will make no further difficulty of furnishing the Marquis according to their promise.

The knowledge of this Point gained hath likewise convinced His Majesty of the opinion, that the Baron *de Isola* should be diverted from his Journey: he seems willing to it; but the Conde *de Molina* takes the contrary part, and yet desires us to think whether the Baron may not be necessary, as to many other purposes in *Flanders*. We have answered him that we look upon the Marquis as going off the Stage, and expect *Don Juan d' Austria* here in his way to *Flanders*. As to the security of his Passage, and the satisfaction of seeing likewise how far His Majesty may be depended on, as to the succour of the Low Countreys; and in this Speculation we see no need of the Baron's going over; and in this opinion the *Dutch* Ambassadors joyn with us, who were the first and most earnest promoters of his Journey.

You shall do well to advertise us betimes of the Necessity, if there shall appear to be any, of His Majesty's sending to *Aix la Chapelle*, and what kind of Character the Person going must have. Which trouble, I fear, is like to fall upon you, in that manner I have discoursed to my Lady your Wife, wherein my Lord Keeper agrees with me.

You may have heard by some Letters how *Monfieur de la Roche*, commanding a *French* Squadron in the Chanel, went into *Torbay*, took an *Ostend* Ship from the Key, and landed Armed Men to take away Goods belonging to it; which, for their security, that Ship had put on shoar: and likewise that, coming after to the ----, he had taken from the shoar Four *Ostenders*, and carried them Prisoners on board his Ship. His Majesty resenting much this
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Indignity and Invasion of the Honour of his Port, commanded me to write to Sir *John Trevor* to demand Reparation, which I hope he hath done. In the mean time News came to us last Night, that Sir *Thomas Allen*, who was design'd to go into the Streights, and is now by Order stayed in the Chanel, coming accidentally to the *Spithead* near *Portsmouth*, found *la Roche* there, and, pursuant to his Orders, demanded the giving up to him the *Ostend* Vessel, with all the Goods, and Tackle belonging to it, all his Majesty's Subjects he had on Board him, together with the Four *Ostenders*. All which, I suppose by this time, are surrendred, and His Majesty doth with reason Value himself to Monsieur *de Ruigny* for not having proceeded with more rigour herein towards Monsieur *de la Roche*, expecting that his Master will punish him for his Fault.

The *Spanish* Ambassador hath sent off a Ketch or Two, to meet the Ships wherein he supposeth *Don Juan* is, or the money'd Men from *Spain*, with assurance that, if they demand Protection, and Convoy of His Majesty's Ships, it shall be granted them.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, March 2. 68.

S I R,

I Have received yours of the 6th. and the Two Papers given you by his Excellency the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, and a Copy of your Letter to Sir *John Trevor*, all which shall be sent to him by this nights Post from hence, for fear, as you observe

serve well, least the Original should have been diverted. If the advice be not superfluous, I should give it That, for the future, you should send the important Letters thither by Expresses, as if they were sent by Merchants to *Paris*. For I know no other secure way you have for them. And you can easily imagin, that the loss of a Letter might bring a prejudice to the great Negotiation.

This out of Cypher. My last told you of the Reasons that had prevailed for the detaining the Baron *D' Isola* here, which do so still, and will certainly, at least till we hear News of *Don Juan de Austria*, or that your Solicitations of the Marquis to furnish His Majesty with Money shall prove unsuccessful, which we hope they will not, since, without it, it will be impossible for His Majesty to go on with his Preparations. Let the Aid of the Parliament be great or small we must reckon upon it coming in very late, which I have said to the Conde *de Molina* and Baron *de Isola* to waken their Diligence and good Offices in this particular. Their Answer to me is, The Marquis hath not wherewithal to supply us till *Don Juan's* arrival, or the conclusion of the getting it upon the Marquis his Pawns to the *Hollander*, who will be unwilling to furnish it, as their Ambassador tells me, till *France* hath refused the Peace, least the giving it sooner, should induce the Marquis to do so too. Communicating with the said Ambassadors the Two Packets from the Marquis, concerning his yielding to the Suspension of Arms and the Alternative, they raised a Question to me, which I could not answer to more than by Quere (*viz.*) Which of the Alternatives the Marquis adheres to, and requiring me to press you, as they will do their Deputies, to a
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clear declaration thereof. It fell so out that being together with the Conde *de Molina* and Baron *de Isola*, we moved the same question to them, and they easily answered, That the Marquis must needs mean the Alternative concerning *France's* detaining the Places they have conquered the last Campaign, because the Equivalent is of three times the value, and your Letter seems to understand it so, when you say the Marquis must be beholding to the Mediators for the obtaining the Exchange even of some of those Places. We concluded therefore, the *Dutch* Ambassadors and I, and I have His Majesty's approbation of it, that we would write to you and the Deputies to get a clear Declaration of the Alternative from the Marquis, to be sent with all possible speed to Sir *John Trevor* and Monsieur *Van Béuningen* at *Paris*, that the want of it may not furnish *France* with a pretence of delay, since the term of their first Offer, which is the Foundation of the whole Negotiation, is so near expiring.

We also observ'd by your Letter of the 6th. That the Baron *de Bergeyk* was going to the *Hague*. The same Person the Marquis names for his Plenipotentiary at *Aix la Chapelle*, and that it was fit you together with the Deputies of the States should mind the Marquis of calling him immediately back, or of substituting and sending immediately another in his place to *Aix*, with Powers to yield the Alternative he submits to, in a Due and Authentick Form; least the Plenipotentiaries of *France* arriving there, and not finding the Marquis, should take the pretence to return, and so Shipwreck the whole Negotiation of the Peace.

In conclusion, notwithstanding the continued Protestations of Monsieur *de Ruvigny*, that his Master

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will unalterably make the Peace, we have much ado to believe it, and therefore would be glad to know of the Marquis what kind of Succour he would expect of Us, and how applyed? Whether towards a Diversion in *France*; or an immediate support of the Affairs in *Flanders*? With a Specification of the said Succours towards the Cost, or what Materials he can furnish towards the former. I have already asked the Conde de *Molina*, and the Baron d'*Isola* this Question, and they have taken time to answer me in Writing: 'Tis not amiss to observe to you, that Monsieur de *Ruvigny* in his discourse doth insinuate, that the Marquis his Power is but pretended, that it is disannul'd in *Spain* by the Queen Regents persisting still in a resolution to have the Treaty of the Peace made at *Rome*.

I send this Letter to *Brussels*, hoping you are still there, where the Contents of it must operate most. If you chance to be gone into *Holland* you must endeavour to obtain the effect of it by Letter, unless you think it fitter to return for it, and in that case, press Monsieur de *Witt*, by your Letters, to a speedy conclusion of furnishing Moneys upon the Pawns of the Places. I am sorry I cannot yet send you any better News of the Parliaments having concluded upon what Fund to give His Majesty the expected Aid.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, March 6. 68.

SIR,

I Have received none from You since my long one by the last Post in Cypher, neither hath Sir *John Trevor* or the Ambassadors here, furnished me with any new matter: We are hourly expecting what *France* will say to the Marquis his accepting the Alternative, whether they will embrace the Proposition of treating at *Aix*, or raise the scruple we suggested to you in my last, against which, I hope, you lost no time to provide. The *Dutch* Ambassadors, and we according to our Informations do very much suspect the Peace will not be made, and therefore have discoursed provisionally of what ought to be done in order to the War, accordingly we have asked the Conde de *Molina* and Baron d' *Isola*, what the Necessities of *Flanders* will first and most pressingly require of us? They have answered, a good Body of Foot: 4000. from each of us, for the defence of their Places at the opening of the Campaign, which they look will be early on the *French* side. We have undertaken that in Fifteen Days time we can make ready our *Quota*, but to the Conde de *Molina* we have whispered, That without Money from *Spain* we shall not be able to stir in that, or in our greater Preparations. He promises to write effectually to the Marquis about it, but tells us withal, he believes so confidently *Don Juan d' Austria* will be here; that he assures us we shall receive present succour from him.

To Morrow, we shall read together with the *Dutch* Ambassadors, the Project of our Treaty with

the Count *de D'hona*. It has not a little surpris'd us that the *Dutch* Ambassadors should have been so long without Power to conclude, and yet they speak but scantily of that which is sent them now, tho they concur with us that there is an absolute necessity of concluding immediately with that Crown, whom we have referred to *Spain* for the payment of the subsistence of their Army, which the Conde *de Molina* and Baron *d' Isola* have undertaken for.

This day His Majesty quickned the House of Commons with a Message to dispatch His Supply; they had it in debate this Day, and promised to prosecute it to morrow, it comes but hardly from them, and will I fear be but little at last, the knowledge of which must double your Industry there.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, March 9. 68.

SIR,

I Have no Letter from You since yours of the 6th. which makes me conclude you are remov'd from *Brussels*; I should be very sorry mine of the same date, *O. S.* should not have found you there, because I find by Sir *John Trevor's* of the 14th. that he had need of your Replies to several Questions in it: which I make no doubt but you have likewise from him, and the Papers, as constantly as he receives them from the Ministers. In the last of which there is fault found with the Marquis not declaring himself, upon which of the Alternatives he will Treat the Peace. The suspicion of the sufficiency
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of his Powers, and last of all, his not having sent a Passport for Monsieur Colbert, which was demanded so long ago.

I need not tell you how near we are to the end of *March*, and that if *France* gets but Two Hours beyond it, before the Marquis hath satisfied them in these Particulars, they will hold themselves free from all Obligations of Treating.

The *Dutch* Ambassadors having at length avowed they have Power to Treat with the Conde de *D'hona*, we have compos'd a new Project of a Treaty, and offered it to him, wherein we have omitted Two Articles that were in his, to wit, The warranting of all their former Treaties in *Germany*, and another more material one of entertaining, at our cost, the *Sweedish* Troops; for recompence of which we have gotten the Conde de *Molina* and Baron d' *Isola* to declare, That the House of *Austria* shall do the same thing. He hath our Project in his hands, and promises us his Answer in few days. The *Dutch* Ambassadors perswade themselves, he will do it to our satisfaction.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, March 13. 68.

S I R,

I Have received Yours of the 16th. and to your discourse upon the Ratification of the Treaty of Commerce, will say only this, That the Articles are Printed, and the Ratification under the Great Seal, which at first I knew not well how to dispose

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of, but at last I have agreed with the *Dutch* Ambassador, that they shall send for theirs hither, and exchange it for ours.

Having received your aforesaid Letter but this Day, I have not had time to dispatch the Power his Majesty hath commanded me to send you, to qualify you for the Congress at *Aix*. The Form of it is to be His Majesty's Plenipotentiary there, and Ambassador, if the other Ministers you are to concur with, shall appear under that stile; and the Matter, to do and perform all things in order to the effecting the Peace betwixt the Two Crowns, according to the Mediation; and if the words of the aforesaid Power run fully thus, I do not yet foresee any necessity of adding any Instructions, but follow the Rule of *Solomon*, that says, *Send a Wise Man of an Errand and say nothing to him*: after all this God knows whether ever the matter will be brought to this point.

Our last Letter from Sir *John Trevor*, give us but faint hopes of the Peace. And *France* making so little scruple of performing, even where they promise (as the taking of *Genap* is a sad evidence of it) what can we expect where they do not promise?

Our Negotiation with the *Count de D'hona* is driven to a head, and might have been long ago finished, if the *Dutch* Ambassadors would have confessed they had Power to conclude. Is it not strange to you, they should be without it all this while, when it was promised the *Count de D'hona* it should immediately follow him, and that we are now within eight days of the end of *March*, after which, if *France* refuses the suspension of Arms, our Treaty with *Sweden* must run upon a new Foot? I have offered

offered an expedient this day, which His Majesty approves, and I hope it will put a period to this matter to Morrow.

His Majesty is content you should entertain your Treaty with the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*; but cares not it should be absolutely concluded, but with *Don Juan d' Austria*, who will have more Power, more Money, and, we hope, more Indulgence; especially, when he sees of how much use His Majesty may be to him.

By what I have said to you before of His Majesty's Intention of sending you to *Aix*, you see there is a necessity of your excusing your self from going into *Holland*, as long as there is a possibility of going to the former; the expectation of which cannot last you many days.

That you may the better know, how to discourse of the Pavilion, in case there be any occasion for it, read the 19th. Article of the Treaty at *Breda*.

Religion and Miscarriages have hitherto so entertained the House of Commons, that the way of His Majesty's Supply is not yet throughly settled; but sitting *de die in diem* upon it, as they do, we hope it will quickly be finished.

I am, &c,

P. S.

I am of the same opinion with the *Dutch* Deputies, who think you do your self wrong in signing on the Right Hand of the Paper, as you write, that on the Left Hand, which is the first in Order

of Writing, being esteem'd the more Honourable in the signing of Foreign Treaties, and such like publick Instruments; tho, I think, we observe the contrary in Bonds, &c. in *England*.

Part of a Letter from Sir John Trevor to my Lord Arlington.

March 12. 68.

This out of Cypher. OUR Hopes for Peace are very weak. In our Conference we observed they sought difficulties, to colour their refusal of any farther Cessation than the end of this *March*, and insisted on points unnecessary for them to ask, and impossible, as they know themselves, by our Treaty, for us to grant. The *French King* told the *Queen Mother* yesterday, that he had appointed the 15th. of *April* to take the Field, and all Orders, and Preparations go on accordingly.

It is a mortal Sin at *St. Germain's* to talk of Peace, and some have been rebuked for the mentioning of it. They take pains yet to perswade us that they desire the Peace, and only fear to be cozened by *Spain*, who, since the Peace of *Portugal*, intend nothing else, and that the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* knows he shall be disavowed.

I do not much fear a Journey to *Aix*, for, I believe we shall break upon this Point of the Cessation, and, if the King marches into the Field, I think, I may march home.

At our next Conference we resolve roundly to give them the choice of War, or Peace, and that this Point of the Cessation must determine it.

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Whitehal, March 16. 68.

SIR,

I Have none from you since my last, wherein I promised you your Commission to go and Treat at *Aix*, supposing the States will send some body thither in the same quality of Ambassador. We should send you Money to gild this Character; but I hope your own credit will suffice you for the present, as your good Talent must furnish you with Instructions. And, knowing the matter so intirely, as you do, there need, I suppose, no other be given you, but to operate in an entire Confidence with him the States shall send thither. If you shall need any further Directions, or Orders from hence, giving me the hints of them, I will take care to see them dispatch'd.

I had a Letter yesterday from Sir *John Trevor* of the 21st. with a Copy of one enclos'd from Monsieur de *Lyonne* to him, and Monsieur *Van Beunningen*, reciting what had past in a Conference; But, as Sir *John Trevor* says, not fairly, what they had said, which would oblige them to tell their own Tales themselves.

It seems *France* has accepted the Alternative till the middle of *May*; but, not consenting to the suspension of Arms, it is worth little. They complain the Marquis his Acceptation is conceiv'd in very ambiguous Terms, and such as do not positively accept it; but that he accepts to Treat upon the first Member, whereas it was expected he should plainly say, *qu'il cederà a la France les places conquises dans la Campagne passée avec leur dependences*,
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that is, *That he would resign to France the Places conquered in the last Campaign, with all their dependences.*

You see what a distrust there is of sincerity, on both sides, and therefore you cannot press Clearness and Perspicuity too much, when you go to *Aix*. I hope you will establish a way of sending to, and hearing from *Sir John Trevor*, that may be secure and expedite.

In my last I told you, I hoped, we should, before this time, be agreed with the *Count de D'hona*. The *Spanish* Ambassador was willing to answer for the defraying of the *Swedish* Troops from the time of the Signing the Treaty, and because the *Count* insisted upon the Payment of them for Six Months past, His Majesty charged himself with Two of the Months, and prevail'd with the *Spanish* Ambassador to do the like for Two Months more. But when we came to the *Dutch* Ambassadors, to press them to satisfy the Two remaining Months, they refused it positively, declaring their Instructions are against the giving any Money in this ill state that Negotiation is. I am resolv'd to try the *Spanish* Ambassador once more, whether he will not rather engage for the whole Arrear, than hazard the loss of the *Swede*, or furnish the *Count de D'hona* with a pretence of saying he expects new Orders, when the end of *March* shall be come.

Complaints against Conventicles and from the Adventurers of *Ireland* have interposed, to divert the House of Commons from finishing the King's Supply, before the Holy-days, some yet hope it may be done.

I am, &c.

SIR,

Sir John Trevor's

LETTER

To my
Lord ARLINGTON.

Paris, March 21. S.N. 68.

My Lord,

W^Ithin an hour after our last Post was gone, I received the Two Packets from your Lordship, which the ill weather had detained on that side, as well as on this.

I return your Lordship my thanks for your news, but I am not pleased to hear they keep always to one Tune, and, I think, a very ill one.

In my last I gave your Lordship an account of our Conference, whereof I send you here enclosed an Account drawn up by Monsieur *de Lyonne*, together with the Answer, the King hath thought fit to give, to the desire we made, to enlarge the Alternative, and the Cessation till the end of *May*.

We desire your Lordship will not conclude that our Conference passed as Monsieur *de Lyonne*'s Paper doth pretend; to which we are preparing to give an Answer, and a new state of the Conference, wherein we will remember our Arguments, which are wholly omitted in his Paper.

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This we shall do, that if the Ministers of *Germany*, in this Court, be ill informed by this Narrative, we may also Communicate ours to oppose it. Your Lordship will see by this Paper, where the matter lies, when our demands are answered by another question, *viz.* What assurances we will give *France*, that at the end of the Cessation, *Spain* shall not refuse the Peace. In the Treaty we are to make with them, they do expect, that, if *Spain* shall refuse, we shall declare some means to compel them. The means we proposed, and the general Guarranty in our Treaty with the Condition annexed to it, *viz.* That they shall not enter, &c. they declaim much against, as you will read in his Letter; What we have advised upon, as fit to be done, in reference to the state of this Affair, as we see it before us, your Lordship will find in this inclosed Cypher. Monsieur *Colbert* parts on *Saturday* for *Aix*. We received a Courier last night from *Brussels*, who brought us the Declaration upon the choice of the Alternative, *viz.* *Les Places conquises*, &c. together with an extract of his Powers; but from Sir *William Temple* no Letter, but an account that he was very ill, and not able to write, which I am extremely concern'd for, both as to his Person, and the Publick Disadvantage.

Here hath been with me to day, Two Deputies (as they call themselves) from the Duke of *Lorraine*, to desire I would represent his Desire to the King, that in this Peace he may be comprehended, and that the King my Master, would desire it on his behalf: I thought it a strange request, and asked them, if the Duke was not already in Terms of Amity with both the Crowns; They confessed he was, but that it would be an Honour and Advantage

tage to him to be comprehended: I answered, I had no Instruction, nor Commission in this kind, but I would represent his Desire; They pretend great Merit on the Duke's part from the King, and great Alliance. What Complement the King will think fit to pass on him, your Lordship at your leisure, will please to let me know.

Monsieur de Lyonne tells me he has written to Monsieur Ruvigny about *la Roche*.

I am, &c.

*The Cypher mentioned to be enclosed
in the foregoing Letter.*

WE find the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo's* acceptance to be in very imperfect Terms, and such as will give matter of Exception that he hath no Power to subdelegate, but what is derived by a Consequence; and for his Powers though they seem general, yet the form will be excepted against. We have resolved, and this day dispatched a Courier to *Madrid* with Letters from *Van Beuningen* to the States Ambassador there, and from me to my Lord *Sandwich*, if he be there, to represent the necessity of sending full Powers to the Marquis, and a clear acceptance of the Alternative, beyond all exceptions, which we think will be the only Argument to answer their Questions, and lay the matter at their door, and perhaps make Peace.

We

We have considered the state of our Conference, and the Objections they make to our Proposition, which we do agree to represent to our Masters respectively, that Powers be given us to offer, that, in case *Spain* shall refuse or retract at the end of *May*, that *France* shall be disoblighd from this Alternative, and instead thereof to retain all the Places he is now possessed of; or such other Proposition as may shew that we intend to oblige *Spain* to a sincerity in this matter, reserving to our selves our great Interest, not to suffer *France* to make further Progress in the *Spanish Netherlands*.

I desire His Majesty's pleasure, whether he thinks fit to give us any such Power, or to insist upon the Terms of the Treaty without giving further satisfaction, and so break off upon their denial.

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Monsieur de Lyonne
to Sir John Trevor
and Monsieur Van
Beuningen.

St. Germain,
March 19. S. N. 68.

Gentlemen,

Monsieur Tellier,
Monsieur Colbert,
and my self have made a
Report to the King of
all that passed in the first
Conference which we
had with you; and I
hope, with your favour,
that it may be taken in
good part (to prevent all
equivocating and misun-
derstanding in so weighty
a matter) if I give you
the detail of what you
in substance spoke to us,
and of the answer which
was made unto it.

Insisting upon what
was contained in your

Monsieur de Lyonne
au Chevalier Trevor
& Monsieur Van
Beuningen.

A St. Germain
Mars 19. S. N. 68.

Messieurs,

Monsieur le Tellier,
Monsieur Colbert,
& moy avons rendu com-
te au Roy de ce qui s'est
passé dans la premiere con-
ference que nous avons eüe
avec vous; & vous trou-
verez bon, s'il vous plaît,
qu'afin, qu'il n'y ait point
de quivoque, ou de méprise,
dans une affaire si grave,
je fasse icy un repetition
succincte de ce que vous
nous dites en substance, &
de ce qui y fût répondu.

Insistant au contenu en
votre dernier memoire,
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last Memorial of the 5th. of this Month you demanded that the King would consent, for the good of the Peace, to prolong the Suspension of Arms till the end of *May*, which his Majesty hath already agreed to for all *March*. And that in like manner his Majesty wou'd declare himself content with the Conditions of the Accommodement of one of the Alternatives till the end of *May*, which he had offered till the end of *March*, because the King of *Great Britain* and the States General, your Masters might employ the rest of that Month, and the other two following here to dispose the *Spaniard* to sign a Treaty of Peace upon the Foundation of yielding to one of the said Alternatives, offering on the behalf of your Masters, in case his Majesty wou'd comply with your Two Proposals, to enter at present into a Treaty with his Majesty

du 5. de ce Mois, vous demandâtes, que le Roy eût agréable, pour le bien de la Paix, de consentir a proroger la même suspension d'entreprises jusqu'à la fin de May, que sa Majesté a déjà accordée pour tout ce mois de Mars, & qu'il pleût aussy a sa Majesté de declarer, qu'elle se contenteroit pour les conditions de l'accommodement, jusqu'au dernier May, de l'une des alternatives, dont elle avoit offert de se contenter jusqu'à la fin de Mars, a fin que le Roy de la Grande Bretagne & Messieurs les Estats Generaux vos Maîtres pussent employer ce qui reste de ce mois icy, & les deux autres suivans, a disposer les Espagnols de signer un Traité de Paix sur le fondement de la cession de l'une des dites Alternatives, offrant de la part, de vos Maîtres, en cas que sa Majesté voulût accorder, vos deux instances, de faire des a present un Traité avec sa dite Ma-
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(for which you had sufficient Powers) whereby the said King and States would be obliged, if, by the refusal of the *Spaniard*, the Peace could not be concluded before the end of *May*, to enter the *Low-Countreys*, under the Dominion of *Spain* with an Army, composed of such a number of Horse and Foot, and Artillery, proportionable thereunto, (as should be at present agreed on by the said Treaty,) and that the said Army should act in an hostile manner against the *Spaniard*, by attacking and taking of Places, and all other Warlike Actions, to force the said *Spaniard* to accept of a Peace upon the Conditions of one of the Alternatives, but upon a Presumption and conditionally only that his Majesty would reciprocally engage himself to the said King and States, that he would suspend all hostile Acts in the *Low-*

jesté (surquoy vous avez les pouvoirs suffisants) par le quel le dit seigneur Roy & les dits seigneurs Estats s'obligeront a elle, que, si, par le refus des Espagnols, la Paix n'a' peut être faite dans ce terme la de la fin de May, ils seront entrer dans les Pais bas, de la domination d'Espagne, une Armee, composee de tel nombre de Cavalerie & d'Infanterie, & d'Artillerie a proportion (selon qu'on en conviendra des a present par le dit Traité) & que la dite Armee y agira hostilement contre les Espagnols, par attaques, prises des places, & toutes autres actions de guerre, pour forcer les dits Espagnols a la Paix aux conditions de l'une des Alternatives; bien entendu neantmoins, & a condition seulement qu'il pleüt a sa Majesté de s'engager, reciproquement envers les dits seigneur Roy & les dits seigneurs Estats, qu'elle suspendra tellement toute action de ses Armes dans les Pais

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Countries whilst their Army was there, so that his Majesty, should not receive under his Obedience any Place; Town, or Port which might surrender voluntarily to him.

You may remember, *Gentlemen*, what we in substance represented to you upon the whole, that nothing could be more contrary to the Peace it self against the Intention of your Masters, than the Plan which you had framed: That it was very evident, *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo's* design was only to endeavour to gain more time by a fresh Cessation, by that means to give an opportunity (whilst it lasted) for 10000 *Spaniards* to march, without any opposition, under the command of *Don Juan of Austria* into *Flanders*, as also for other Succours, which they expected out of *Germany*: That provided the *Marquis*, taking the advantage of the re-

Bas, pendant celle de leur Armée, que sa dite Majesté ne pourra mêmes recevoir sous son obeissance aucune place, ville, ni poste des *Espagnols*, qui voudroient se rendre volontai-
rement a elle.

Vous vous souviendrez, *Messieurs*, que nous vous représentâmes, en substance, sur tout ce que dessus, que rien ne pouvoit être plus contraire a la Paix même contre l'intention de vos *Maîtres*, que ce Plan que vous faisiez: qu'il se voyoit clairement, que le dessein du *Marquis de Castel Rodrigo* n'étoit que d'essayer a gagner du temps par une nouvelle suspension, a fin de donner lieu (pendant qu'elle dureroit) a la venue, sans obstacles, ni opposition, des dix mille *Espagnols naturels*, qui passent en *Flanders*, avec *Don Juan d'Autriche*, & des autres puissants Secours, qu'en y attend d'*Allemagne*: que, pourveu que le dit *Marquis*, se prevalant de la complaisance, qu'il sçait, que le Roy a
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gard which, he was sensible, the King had for the Proposals of the King of Great Britain and the States General, might bind his Majesty's hands all the two next Months, wherein he foresees that he shall not be so well prepared as in the Month of June, he troubleth himself but a very little whether he shall be avowed or disavowed, in Spain, in all that he has now advanced, not only without Powers, but contrary to the Orders which he hath as well upon the acceptation of the Alternative, as touching the place of Assembly at *Aix la Chapelle*.

That, as to the first Point, all advices from *Madrid*, of the 25th. of Feb. (which is the day of the depart of the last Courier that is come) do unanimously agree that, after the Peace of *Portugal* was Sign'd, Ratified, and the Ratification sent already to *Lisbonne*, and after a Pro-

pour les desirs du Roy de la Grande Bretagne, & des Estats Generaux, puisse lier les mains a sa Majesté pendant les deux mois prochains, ou il prevoit qu'il se trouvera un peu plus d'épouven de forces, & d'assistances qu'il ne le seroit au mois de Juin, il se souciera peu d'être avoué, ou desavoué en Espagne, de toutte qu'il avance aujourd'hui, non seulement sans pouvoir, mais contre les Ordres qu'il a tant sur l'acceptation de l'Alternative, que touchant le lieu d'assemblée a Aix la Chapelle.

Que sur le premier point, tous les avis de Madrid, du 25. Fev. (qui est le jour du depart du dernier Courier qui en est venu) portent unanimement qu' apres la Paix de Portugal signée, ratifiée, & la ratification déjà envoyée a Lisbonne, & apres la parole, que le dit Don Juan a donnée de partir
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mise, that the said Don Juan hath given to part infallibly upon the first of *March*, the Ministers would not so much as hear one Syllable mentioned of the *Alternative*.

That, as to the second Point, the Cardinal *Visconti* his Holiness's Nuncio, wrote upon the 23^d. of *Febr.* to Abbot *Vibo*, That they would not have *Aix la Chapelle* spoke any more of at *Madrid*, and that, if *France* would not consent to Treat at *Rome*, he did not see how the Parties could be brought to any Agreement about the Place of Assembly.

Moreover, That the Queen of *Spain* hath writ in the last place to the Electors and Princes of the Assembly at *Cologne*, that she had long since, remitted the whole Affair into the Pope's hands, to be decided at *Rome*: That the Courier, who brought this Letter, dated the 16th. of *Jan.* hath attested to the said

infalliblement au premier jour de Mars les Ministres ne vouloient pas seulement ouïr nommer le mot d' Alternative.

Que pour le second Point le Cardinal Visconti, Nonce de sa Sainteté écrit, du 23^d. Fevr. a l'Abbe Vibo, que l'on ne veut point a Madrid ouïr parler d' Aix la Chapelle, & que, si la France ne donne son consentement de traiter a Rome, il ne voit point de lieu de faire convenir les parties de celuy de l'Assemblée.

De plus que la Reine d'Espagne a écrit, en dernier lieu, aux Electeurs & Princes de l'Assemblée de Cologne qu'elle a remis, il y a longtemps, toute l'affair entre les mains du Pape pour être traitée a Rome: Que le Courier, qui a porté cette Lettre, dattée du 16. Janv. a attesté aus dits Electeurs &

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Electors and Princes. That it was given him only upon the 28th. and that he parted not from *Madrid* before the 3d. of *Febr.* tho the Marquis told the Gentlemen, your Collegues, That, by a Letter the 18th. of *Jan.* the Queen, his Mistrifs, had sent him word that she approved the choice of *Aix la Chapelle*: That, to give a farther demonstration that the said Marquis, who is Conscious that he acts contrary to his Instructions (tho, without doubt with a design to serve his Master in the method he hath taken) hath not made one step but with great timidity, and then only when the pressing Instances of the Gentlemen, your Collegues, have left him no room to recoil, one need only make reflection upon the Passport for Monsieur *Colbert*, which hath been demanded, by his Holiness's Plenipotentiary, since the middle of *Fe-*

Princes qu' elle luy fût mise en main seulement le 28. & qu' il n'est parti de *Madrid* que le 3d. *Fev.* quoy que le dit Marquis ait dit a Messieurs, vos Collegues, que, par une Letter du 18. *Jan.* la Reine sa Maistresse luy à mandé qu'elle approuvoit le choix de la ville d' *Aix la Chapelle*: Que pour môntre encôres que le dit Marquis qui sçait en sa Conscience qu'il agit contre ses Ordres (quoy que sans doute dans la pensée de mieux servir son Maître dans le chemin qu'il tient) n'y fait aucun pas qu'avec grande timidité & lors seulement que les vives instances de Messieurs vos Collegues ne luy laissent plus de lieu de reculier, il n'y a qu'à faire reflection que le passport pour Monsieur *Colbert* luy à été demandé par le Plenipotentiare de sa Sainteté des la my *Fev.* qu'il

bruary, but hath not been dispatched before the 29th. and hath not been received at *Paris* till the 16th. of *March*: as if *Paris* were 300. Leagues from *Brussels*; whereas one may, on a Summer Day, travel it between Morning and Evening: Besides, That the Marquis hath yet, to this day, avoided the shewing of his Powers to your Colleagues, being very well assured himself that the general Clause, which he has formerly communicated, whereby the Queen of *Spain* has thought good that he might act in the affair of the Peace, as she pretends, is not at all sufficient to give him a justifiable Power to delegate another with the same Power. If this Power be not particularly specified in his (which his Majesty submits to the Judgment of all the Christian World) then all the Marquis's proceeding is full of Artifice, irregular Motions, Contradi-

n' a été expédié que le 29. & qu'on ne la receu à Paris que le 16. Mars comment si Paris étoit a 300. lieues de Bruxelles, bien qu'on puisse y aller du matin au soir en un tour d'été. En outre que le dit Marquis evite encores aujourd'hui de faire voir son pouvoir a vos dits Collegues scaçhant fort bien luy même que la clause generale, qu'il leur y a autrefois montrer, par laquelle la Reine de Espagne trouve bon qu'il puisse agir dans l'affair de la Paix, comme elle feroit, elle même ne suffit pas pour luy donner valablement la faculté de subdeleguer un autre, avec le même pouvoir. Si cetté faculté n'est nommément spécifiée dans le sien (dont sa Majesté fait juge toute la Chrétienté) que toutee procede du dit Marquis, plein d'Artifice, de contritemps, de contradicti-

tions, and want of Power, and in fine hath no other design than to get time, in the mean while, for the arrival of Don John of Austria, and the Succours from Germany, and so cannot possibly suffer his Majesty, in this conjuncture, if he will follow the Rules of Prudence and Policy, to grant what, without such weighty Considerations, he would most willingly give to the good of a Peace.

We farther added, That we did not in the least doubt, but that, in the Proposals and Offers which you made to his Majesty, he would observe at the first light, the true Method to have no Peace, was to follow your Plan and your Project. For, to say as you do, after the end of May we should attack the Spaniards with 25. Regiments of Foot and 5000. Horse; but is it reasonable, at the same time, that his Majesty, who may attack

ons, de deffaut de pouvoir, & enfin, qui n'a pour but que de gagner du temps pour donner lieu cependant a l'arrivée de Don Juan d'Austriche, & des Secours d'Allemagne, ne permet pas a sa Majesté en ce rencontre, si elle veut suivre les regles de la Prudence & de la bonne Politique, d'accorder ce que, sans des considerations si fortes, elle donneroit tres volontiers au bien de la Paix.

Nous adjoutâmes, en suite, que nous ne doutions pas que dans les Propositions & Offres, que vous faisiez à sa Majesté, elle ne remarquât d'abord que le vray moyen de n'avoir point le Paix étoit celuy de suivre vôtre Plan & vôtre Projét. Car, de dire, comme vous faisiez, apres la fin de May, nous attaquerons les Espagnols avec 25. Regiments d'Infanterie, & 5000. Chevaux mais il faudra, au même temps, que sa Majesté, qui peut les attaquer

them perhaps with 100-000. Men, should remain with his Arms a-cross. Besides, This would be to demand of his Majesty an eternal suspension, rather than for two Months only: In like manner to ask his perpetual consent to the Alternative, and not for the same two Months; so that thereby, you will shew the *Spaniards* the way that they ought not to yield to the Alternative, because that the worst which can happen, upon their rejecting of it, will be the loss of some Places, which you may take from them, and which they know before-hand, you must be obliged to restore unto them, and consequently they will be very easie upon that score, because that, besides that by this means, they will be best secured against the Arms of this Crown, they will have a farther advantage, that you must supply them with Garrisons, and so they can

peutêtre avec 100 000. hommes, demeure les bras croisés. Outre que c'étoit demander a sa Majesté une suspension eternelle, & non pas simplement de deux mois; luy demander aussy son consentement eternel a l'Alternative, & non pas pour les mêmes deux mois, vous enseigneriez par la vous mêmes aux Espagnols qu'ils ne devoient pas mêmes accorder la dite Alternative, d'autant que le pis, qui pouvoit leur arriver en la refusant, seroit de perdre quelques places, que vous leur prendriez qu'ils sçauroient par advance que vous vous seriez obligés de leur rendre, & dont, par consequent, ils seroient eux mêmes bien aises; par ce qu'outre que, par ce moyen, ils les auroient mises en toute seureté, contre les Armes de cette Couronne, ils y auroient l'avantage que vous entretiendriez les Garrisons, & qu'ils pour-

then make use of those Men in the Field, which they must otherwise have been obliged to keep and maintain there. But moreover (say we) it does admit of a great dispute whether you may take those Places from them; for they will have a more considerable Army than yours: And, after all, pray what would follow in case your Army should be beaten and defeated? would you pretend still, upon the Principles of Jealousie, which Monsieur Van B. hath established so forcibly against the continuation of his Majesty's Progress in the Low-Countries, that, in this case, his said Majesty might not once dream of revenging you; but should always remain in a condition of having neither Peace, nor War; and that he should tamely wait the pleasure of the Spaniard to accept of Peace?

In line, Gentlemen, we agree with you that

roient alors se servir à la Campagne de celles qu'ils auroient autrement été obligés d'y tenir, & de les y faire subsister. Bien plus (dîmes nous) il est mêmes fort douteux si vous leur prendriez ces places; car ils auront des forces plus considerable que les vôtres: Et, apres tout, qu'arriveroit il si votre Armée étoit battue & diffaité? pretendriez vous encores sur les principes de Jalou-sie que Monsieur Van B. nous établissoit si fortement contre toute continuation des Progres de sa Majesté aux Pais Bas, que dans ce cas la même sa dite Majesté ne peut songer a vous vanger; qu'elle demeurât tousjours en cet état la de n'avoir ni Paix, ni guerre; & qu'elle attendît encores oysivement la commodité des Espagnols de vouloir la Paix.

Enfin, Messieurs, nous convinmes avec vous que
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all you have proposed might be good upon a presumption that the *Spaniard* would infallibly condescend to the Peace, so that it might be Concluded and Rati- fied before the end of *May*; but we have re- presented to you that their proceedings (consi- dering at the same time, what is done in reference to *Portugal*) leave no room to believe that they have such a thought; or, at most, that there can only be conceived a du- bious and very uncertain Hope; or rather that, one may certainly averr, they will not at all con- sent to a Peace, when they understand the King hath bound his hands af- ter such a manner, that it is not in his Power to attack them, and there- fore it can't be dispensed with by the Laws of Pru- dence, that his Majesty should determine to re- turn a positive Answer to your Two Demands, that is to say, To consent

tout ce, que vous proposez pouvoit être bon sur la presupposition, que les Es- pagnols donneroient in- fàlliblement les mains a la Paix, en sorte quelle peut être faite & ratifiée avant la fin de May; mais nous vous representâmes que leur procede (considerant mêmes ce qu'ils viennent de faire du côté de Portu- gal) ni donne pas lieu de croire qu'ils ayent cette pensée; ou, tout au plus, qu'il ne s'en peut conce- voir qu'une esperance fort douteuse & fort incer- taine, ou, plutôt, qu'il se peut dire certainement qu'ils ne consentiroient point a la Paix, quand ils apprendroient que le Roy se seroit lié les mains a ne les pouvoir plus atta- quer, & partant qu'il étoit indispensable par toutes les loix de la Prudence qu'avant que le Roy peut ce determiner a faire une réponse precise, sur vos deux instances, c'est a dire, de consentir a l'Arternâ-

to the Alternative, and the suspension of Arms, till the end of *May*, before his Majesty be well informed what the King of *Great Britain's* and the States intentions are, in relation to those measures, which he must take joyntly with them, in case that, through the default of *Spain*, the Peace might not be concluded before the end of *May*; His Majesty (that he take such a Resolution as may not expose Him to great inconveniencies) having a particular Interest to take a perfect Prospect of the whole Affair in all the accidents that may likely happen; that so at present a Purvey may be made of all the possibilities and difficulties alledged on your part, upon the Estate of the Affair after the end of *May*, before he report on his side, the possibilities and difficulties, in reference to what is desired of him, between this and that time.

tive, & de la suspension d'attaquer de places jusques a la fin de May, que sa Majesté sceût au vray quelles étoient les intentions, du Roy de la Grande Bretagne, & de Messieurs les Estats, sur les mesures qu'elle auroit a prendre avec eux en cas que la Paix, par la faute des Espagnols, n'eût peu être faite & ratifiée avant le dernier May; sa Majesté (pour prendre une resolution qui ne l'expose pas a des grands inconveniens) ayant une notable interest de voir, d'une seule veüe, toute l'affaire dans tous les cas qui peuvent y arriver, afin que des a present on pourvoye a tous les facilités, ou les difficultés apportées, de vôtre part, sur l'état de l'affaire apres la fin de May; devant apporter, de la sienne, des facilités, ou des difficultés, a ce qu'on desire d'elle, entre cy & ce temps la.

And thereupon, Gentlemen, we propos'd Two Questions to you, The First, To know whether your Masters thought that the King should lie always under an obligation not to pretend to any thing from the *Spaniards* besides the Alternative; or how long you desire, by the Treaty to be made with you, that His Majesty should be oblig'd unto it.

Secondly, If you mean that the *Spaniards* refusing the Peace, His Majesty must eternally suspend the progress of his Arms against the *Low-Countries*; or when they may, by your consent, begin to act with yours towards forcing the *Spaniards* to a Peace, And what Terms he shall be under then, if the obligation His Majesty was under for the Alternative, had ceas'd, as it was reasonable it should after the end of *May*.

To this you were pleas'd to Answer that

Et la dessus, Messieurs nous vous fimes deux questions, la premiere pour sçavoir si vos Maîtres entendoient que le Roy demeurât eternellement lié a ne pouvoir pretendre des Espagnols que l'Alternative; ou jus qu'à quel temps vous desireriez par le Traité qu'on feroit avec vous, que sa Majesté sy'obligeât.

Second, Si vous entendiez que les Espagnols, refusant la Paix, sa Majesté suspendit eternellement l'action deses Armes aux Pays Bas, ou en quel temps elles pourroient de vôtre consentement commencer à agir avec les vôtres pour forcer les dits Espagnols a la Paix, & a quelles conditions elle se feroit alors si l'obligacion & sa Majesté a l'Alternative avoit déjà cessé comme il étoit juste quelle cessât des la fin de May.

A cela il vous pleût de nous répondre que vous ne
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you found nothing in your Instructions that could make way for His Majesty's satisfaction upon these Two Questions; and that your Masters had thought of nothing but what related to the finishing the Peace before the end of *May*.

We replied thereunto by shewing you what that Treaty would be, which the King might make with His Britannick Majesty and their High and Mightinesses, which speaks but of a very doubtful case, as is that, that the *Spaniards* would accept the Alternative before the end of *May*, and speaks not one word of another case, that is very probable, which is, That they will not accept the said Alternative in that time: from whence we concluded that it was necessary (since there is time enough for it) you should, as soon as possible, receive more ample Instructions from your Masters upon the measures,

trouviez rien dans vos Instructions qui vous peut donner lieu d'éclairir sa Majesté sur ces deux interrogats & que vous Maîtres n'avoient songé qu'à ce qui regardoit la conclusion de la Paix avant la fin de May.

Nous y repliquâmes en vous representant quel seroit donc ce Traité informe que le Roy pourroit faire avec sa Majesté Britannique & leurs Hautes Puissances, le quel ne parleroit que d'un cas fort douteux comme est celuy que les Espagnols accepteront l'Alternative avant la fin de May & ne diroit pas un seul mot d'un autre cas fort vraisemblable, qui est, qu'ils n'accepteront pas la dite Alternative dans ce terme là, d'ou nous conclûmes qu'il étoit indispensable (puis qu'aussy bien le temps suffit a cela) que vous receussés promptement de vos Maîtres des Instructions plus amples sur les mesures,

we must joyntly take, touching this last Point, before the King may explain himself in the First; that is to say, upon your two Instances contained in your Memorial of the 5th. of this Month.

The King nevertheless, after we had given him an account of all what had past, having the goodness to approve all we had said and represented in his behalf, commanded me to let you know from him, that he has ordered Monsieur Colbert to part without fail in Three Days making what hast he can towards *Aix la Chapelle* with one Coach only, to carry him thither, leaving the rest of his equipage to follow after.

That His Majesty, the more to testifie with what sincerity he goes on with the Peace, and that he desires to gain it, as soon as possible, since time is become so precious, and

que l'on devra prendre ensemble touchant le second cas, avant que le Roy puisse avec prudence s'expliquer sur le premier, c'est a dire sur vos deux instances continues dans votre memoire du 5. de ce mois.

Le Roy cependant apres le compte que nous luy avons rendu de tout ce qui s'est passé & apres avoir eu la bonté d'approuver tout ce que nous vous avons dit & représenté sur ses interests, m'a commandé de vous faire sçavoir de sa part qu'il a ordonné aujourd'hui a Monsieur Colbert de partir dans trois jours infalliblement pour aller aux plus grandes journées qu'il pourra a Aix la Chapelle avec le seul carosse dont il a besoin pour luy conduire, faisant apres suivre le reste de son equipage.

Que sa Majesté pour témoigner de plus en plus avec quelle sincerité elle marche dans le chemin de la Paix, & qu'elle desire mêmes d'y gagner jusques aux moindres instants d'un
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not to finish it by Artifices and affected delays, as is done at *Brussels* and *Madrid*. And as His Majesty (if he had had but little regard to the advancement of the Peace) had a fair opportunity of doing, not only under a specious, but very reasonable pretext, that before he can return you any Answer, or make any Declaration of his Intentions, he expects the necessary explanations he demanded of you, from your Masters. His said Majesty (notwithstanding the considerations which might hinder him) has commanded me to declare to you in His Name, in the first place, that, for the good of the Peace, and facilitating it, as much as is possible on his part, he will content himself, (for his satisfaction for the Rights fallen to the Queen) to the 15th. day of *May* inclusive, with one of the two Alternatives, which he had of-

temps, devenu desormais si precieux; & non pas le consommer par des subtilities, ou par des longueurs affectées, comme on le fait a Bruxelles & a Madrid, & comme sa Majesté (si elle se souçioit peu d'avancer la Paix) auroit un si belle occasion de la faire, sous le pretexte non seulement specieux mais raisonnable, qu'avant que vous rendre aucune réponse ou faire aucune Declaration de ses Intentions; elle veut attendre les éclaircissements si nécessaires quelle vous a demandés de celles de vos Maîtres. Sa dite Majesté. (non obstant ces considerations qui pourroient l'arrêter) m'a commandé de vous declarer en son nom, en premier lieu, que pour le bien de la Paix & pour la faciliter de sa part autant qu'il luy est possible, elle se contentera encores (pour sa satisfaction des droits échus a la Reine) jusqu'au quinzième jour de May inclusivement de l'une des deux Alternatives, dont elle avoit cy devant

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ferred to be satisfied with, before, to the last of *March*, provided the Treaty, to be made thereupon between him and *Spain*, be Sign'd, Rati-fied, and the Ratifications exchang'd before the 16th. day of *May*. In which you may easily observe (Gentlemen) that the time given is more than enough to finish all what is to be done, if the acceptation, which Monsieur the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* has already made of the said Alternatives, be sincere and agreeable to his Orders, for a good Courier goes in Seven Days from *Paris* to *Madrid*, and from the 19th. of *March* to the 15th. of *May* is 57. days.

In the Second Place, to make His Majesty's sincerity appear in this Declaration, he is willing, even to Morrow, to enter into a Treaty with the King of *Great Britain* and the States General upon your full Powers: by which he

offert de se contenter, jus-qu'au dernier Mars, pour-veu que le Traité qui se doit faire la dessus entr'elle & les Espagnols soit signé, ratifié, & les rati-fications échangées a-vant le 16. jour de May, en quoy (Messieurs) vous pourrez aisement remar-quer que le temps qu'elle prescrit est plûque suffisant pour tout ce qui est à faire, si l'acceptation que Mon-sieur le Marquis de Castel Rodrigo a déjà faite des dites Alternatives a été sincere & conformé à ses Ordres, car un bon Cour-rier va en sept jours de Paris à Madrid, & du 19 Mars, au 15. May il y a 57. jours.

En second lieu, que pour faire voir la sincerité de sa Majesté en cette De-claration, elle est prête de faire des demain un Traité avec le Roy de la Grande Britagne & les Estats Ge-neraux sur vôtre plein pourvoir, par le quel elle

will oblige himself to be contented with the said Alternative to the 15th. of *May* inclusive; in which shall be inserted, word for word, the Treaty of Peace, to be made with the *Spaniards*, upon the Foundation of the said Alternatives; your Masters taking upon them to obtain of *Spain*, in good form, the Signature and Ratifications, in such time, that they may be exchange'd before the 16th. of *May*.

In the Third Place, That His Majesty, from this instant, gives his Royal Word to our Holy Father the Pope, and to all the King's, Potentates and Princes in Christendom (and will accordingly make an Article, conformable thereunto, in the Treaty to be made with your Masters) that he will, *bona fide*, restore to the King of *Spain* all the Places and Posts which he may be in possession of the last day of *March* (from which time

s'obligera de se contenter de la dite Alternative jusqu'audit 15. May inclusivement, dans le quel Traité on inserera mot a mot le Traité de Paix qu'elle doit faire avec les Espagnols sur le fondement des dites Alternatives, vos Maîtres se chargeant d'en rapporter en bonne forme la Signateur & les Ratifications d'Espagne dans un temps que celles cy puissent s'eschanger avant le 16. May.

En troisième lieu, que sa Majesté donne, dez a present, sa parole Royale a nôtre Sancte Pere, le Pape, & a tous les Roys Potentats & Princes Chrétiens (& en composera mêmes un article en cette conformité dans le Traité qu'elle pourra faire avec vos Maîtres) qu'elle restituera de bonne foy au Roy d'Espagne toutes les Places & Postes que ses armes pourroient avoir occupé depuis le dernier jour de Mars (au quel la sus-

the suspension of Arms determin'd) to the said 15th. day of *May* inclusive, without pretending even to that day, to higher or more advantageous Conditions, for Peace, than those of one of the two Alternatives, on condition that the *Spaniards* (as has been said) may, by that time, have consented to yield one unto him, and that the Ratification of the Treaty, which should be made with them, should be exchange'd before the said 16th. of *May*.

You must own (Gentlemen) that you yourselves, who were so convinced by the considerations, which were represented to you, in our Conference, that you cannot reasonably ask a positive Answer of the King to your demands, before that, by larger Instructions, which ought to be sent you, you find out a method to satisfy His Majesty upon the Questions we made you, you

pension d'entreprises aura cessé) jusqu'audit jour 15. May inclusivement sans pretendre jusqu'a ce jour cy des plus hautes & plus avantageuses conditions de Paix que celles de l'une des deux Alternatives pourveuque les Espagnols (comme il a été dit) ayent alors consenti a luy en ceder une, & que les Rati-fications du Traité qu'elle en aura fait avec eux ayent été eschangeés avant le dit jour 16. May.

Advouez, (Messieurs,) que vous mêmes qui parûtes si convaincus par les considerations qui vous furent représentées en nôtre conference de ne pouvoir raisonablement demander au Roy une réponse précise sur vos demandes qu' apres que par une ampliation d' Instructions qui vous seroit envoyée; vous auriez eu le moyen d' éclairir sa Majesté sur les questions que nous vous avions faites, vous n'auriez presque osé
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would scarcely have presumed, to hope, to see so great, so important, and such favourable Declarations, for the advancement and conclusion of the Peace, as these which His Majesty thought fit I should offer you in this Letter. But, in fine, without, at present, being any further obliged than to the end of *March*, he puts the Peace still into your Power, upon the same conditions to the 15th. of *May*, as if he had forgot that he conquer'd the *French* County, and he has spoke most clearly and without any ambiguity, or intricate terms, being willing to give to all Christendom new and effective Proofs of the sincerity, where-with he wishes the speedy restitution of the Publick Repose, and his great moderation in the Conditions of the Agreement, in case that the *Spaniards* will make use of one or the other (as

espérer de si grandes, si importantes, & si favorables déclarations, pour l'avancement voire pour la conclusion de la Paix que celles que sa Majesté a trouvé bon que je vous fasse par cette Lettre. Car, en fin, sans sy être jusqu'à présent obligée que jusques a la fin de Mars elle met encorés la Paix entre vos mains aux mêmes conditions jusqu'au 15. May, comme si elle avoit oublié d'avoir conquis la Franche Comté, & elle vous en parle clairement & sans ambiguïté, ni termes captieux, ayant voulu donner a toute la Chrétienté de nouvelles preuves effectives & de la sincérité, avec laquelle elle souhaite le prompt restablissement du repos public, & de si grande moderation dans les conditions de l'accommodement, en cas que les Espagnols vueillent se prevaloir de l'une & de l'autre dans un espace de temps lequel (comme il

has been already taken notice of) in such a time as was thought more than sufficient to put his good intentions in execution. Nevertheless the other of the King's Commissioners and my self will wait for your larger Instructions, upon the explanation we have required of you, and which you know to be necessary that we may go on further, and concert, and take other measures together (as also with the Electors and Princes of the Empire, who have sent to His Majesty, and have so much interest in this affair) concerning the dangerous point, which is so much daily to be fear'd, that the Spaniards flattering themselves upon the separation of Portugal, and having conceiv'd great hopes, upon Don John's arrival, and the Succours from Germany, chuse rather to keep Christendom in pain than rid themselves of all confusion by accepting the

à déjà été remarqué) se trouve plus que suffisant pour reduire à effet ses bonnes intentions. Cependant Messieurs, les autres Commissaires du Roy & moy attendrons l'ampliation de vos Instructions sur les éclaircissements dont nous vous avons requis, & que vous cognoisses être si nécessaires pour pouvoir passer outre, à concerter & prendre ensemble les autres mesures (comme aussi avec Messieurs les Electeurs & Princes de l'Empire qui ont député à sa Majesté. & qui ont tant d'intérêt en l'affaire) touchant la dangereux cas qui demeure toujours si fort à craindre que les Espagnols flattés de la separation du Portugal, & ayant conceu de grandes esperances de la venue de Don Juan & des secours d'Allemagne, ne choisissent plutôt le parti de tenir la Chrétienté en trouble que de se tirer de tout embarras en acceptant des Conditions; dont

Conditions; the equity and moderation of which, on the part of the King, they find plainly authoriz'd by the Judgment, which his Britannick Majesty, and their High and Mightinesses have made in the Treaty, at the Hague, in January last. Upon all which I remain,

Gentlemen,

Your most affectionate

Humble Servant,

De Lyonne.

la moderation, de la part du Roy, & l'équité se trouve plainement autorisées par le jugement que sa Majesté Britannique & leurs Hautes Puissances en ont fait dans le Traité de la Haye du mois de Janvier dernier. Sur ce demeure.

Messieurs,

Vôtre tres humble & tres

Affectionné Serviteur,

De Lyonne.

*Sir John Trevor and
Monsieur Van Beu-
ningen to the most
Christian King.*

THE Ambassador and
Envoy of the King
of *Great Britain* and the
States General, here un-
der written respectively,
have Orders to represent
to His Majesty that the
said King and States, their
Masters, having observed
that his most Christian
Majesty conceives some
doubt of the validity of
the Marquis of *Castel
Rodrigo's* Powers, as also
of the Sincerity of the In-
tentions of the Queen
Regent and Council of
Spain, have thought fit
to offer themselves as
Guarantees (in like man-
ner as the underwritten
have done in their Names)
of the sufficiency of the
said Marquis his Powers,
and to assure His Maje-
sty that in case the Queen
Regent of *Spain* (con-

*Le Chevalier Trevor
& Monsieur Van
Beuningen au Roy
Tres Chrétien.*

LES sousignés Am-
bassadeur & En-
voyé Extraordinaires du
Roy de la Grande Bri-
tagne & des Estats Ge-
neraux des Provinces U-
nies respectivement, ont
Ordre de faire sçavoir a
sa Majesté que le dit Roy
& les dits Estats, leurs
Maitres, ayans remarqué
que sa Majesté tres Chréti-
enne doutoit & de la validi-
té des pouvoirs du Marquis
de Castel Rodrigo & de
la Sincerité des Intentions
de la Reine Regente &
du Conseil d'Espagne, ont
trouvé a propos de se ren-
dre Guarants (ainsy qui
les sousignés le font en
leurs Noms) de la vali-
dité des pouvoirs du dit
Marquis, & d'assurer
sa Majesté qu'en cas que
la Reine Regente d'Es-
pagne (contre toute
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trary to all expectation) does not approve, nor admits for good, the acceptance of the Alternative made by the said Marquis, or may not be altogether satisfied, but refuseth to ratifiè what may be Treated hereafter, and concluded by her Deputy at *Aix la Chapelle*, or any where else, as there may be occasion, the said King and States, upon that Supposition, will incessantly, with their utmost Power, employ all their Forces, by Sea and Land, to oblige the King and Kingdom of *Spain* to do it to the satisfaction of his most Christian Majesty.

This is what the underwritten have Orders to signifie, with all diligence, to his Majesty: and they Hope that this may contribute to make him sensible of the sincere Intentions of their Masters. And that His Majesty will make no further difficulty to concert Measures with them, for

esperance) n' approve pas, & ne tiennè pas pour bonne l'acceptation de l'Alternative faite par le dit Marquis, ou ne soit pas satisfaite & refuse de ratifier ce qui pourra être traité en suite, & conclu par son Deputé a Aix la Chapelle, ou ailleurs, s'il en étoit besoin, le dit Roy & les dits Estats, en ce cas la, se serviront, incessamment & avec toute la vigueur possible, de toutes leurs forces; par mer & par terre, pour obliger le Roy & le Royaume d'Espagne de le faire a la satisfaction de sa Majesté tres Chrétienne.

C'est ce dont les sousignés ont eu Ordre de donner en toute diligence avis a sa Majesté: & ils esperent que cela contribuera a luy faire cognoître la sincerité de l'Intention de leurs Maîtres. Et que sa Majesté ne fera plus aucune difficulté de prendre des mesures avec eux

the advancement of the Peace, upon the Foot, which hath been proposed, and to grant the Prorogation of the cessation of Arms, which the said King of *Great Britain* and the said States, and the Princes of the Empire, together with them, have solicited with such pressing instances, to the end that nothing may alter the good disposition which appears for the Conclusion of the War to his Majesty's satisfaction, without any further effusion of Christian Blood; and suffer Christianity to enjoy thereby an Universal Peace, which is a Happiness she hath not enjoyed for many Ages, and which she cannot expect, without a Miracle, but by the good Intentions and generosity of His Majesty:

Paris 26. March 68.

Signed,

*J. Trevor,
Van Beuningen.*

pour l'avancement de la Paix, sur le pied, qui a été proposé, & d'accorder la Prorogation de la cessation d'armes, que le dit Roy de la Grande Bretagne, & les dits Seigneurs Estats, & les Princes de l'Empire avec eux font solliciter avec de si vivves instances, a fin que rien ne puisse alterer la bonne disposition ou tout se trouve pour terminer cette guerre au contentement de sa Majesté, sans une plus grande effusion de Sang; & faire jouir la Chrétienté, par la, d'une Paix universelle au dedans, qui est un bien dont elle n'a pas jouy en plusieurs siècles, & qu'elle ne peut attendre, apres Dieu, que des bonnes intentions, & de la generosité de sa Majesté.

A Paris le 26. Mars, 68.

Signé

*J. Trevor,
Van Beuningen.*

S I R,

Whitehal, March 19. 68.

S I R,

I Have received Yours of the 23^d. with your Opinion upon the Proceedings of *France*, in both your Cyphers, which we have found exactly in your New One. It must be the fault of our Writers if they understand it less than yours: I have examined them upon it, and they promise the mistake shall be opened to you, that it may not be made hereafter, and that it be not made in Sir *John Trevor's* Letters, whose rule, it seems, differs something from yours.

Here inclos'd you receive a duplicate of your Power to Treat at *Aix* under the Signet only, which we suppose will be as available as that which is gone under the Broad Seal, and the *Dutch* Ambassadors tell us Monsieur *Beverning* will meet you at *Aix* from the States. I confess, I fear, the case there will happen to be no better than as you suppose it. We have all the reason in the World to doubt that *France* intends nothing more, in all these Transactions, but the throwing the Odium of the continuance of the War upon *Spain*, and we suspect that even the restoring of the Castle of *Guenap* is an Argument they will use to the World for the fortifying that opinion. It must be therefore your care to continue pressing the Marquis to all possible facility, on his side, (as you have hitherto very successfully done) to take that advantage from *France*, and to engage thereby the States to engage more frankly in the War with *Spain*, upon a despair of the Peace from *France*.

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I have been going and coming, these Five Days, betwixt the Ambassadors, in order to the engaging the *Swede*. The *Spanish* Ambassador saith he hath an ample Power for it; but says he is restrained by an Instruction not to proceed to a conclusion, but by the Marquis his Approbation. For this Reason he propos'd Two Days ago, and 'twas accepted by us, that he should be indemnified as to this point by his Majesty's writing, in his own hand, to the Marquis, answering to him for the Conde de *Molina's* concluding without his leave, and warranting his doing so, upon the importance of the Affair. I shall know this Evening, both from the *Spanish* and *Swedish* Ambassadors, why we have not concluded it, and I will add the Reason of it to this Letter.

In a former Letter I told you His Majesty was content you should leave your Treaty with the Marquis unfinished for the Reasons therein expressed; and yours expressed in your Cypher, confirm him much more in this resolution. I do assure you there wants no circumspection, on our side, in cultivating the good Intelligence betwixt Us and the States. And I, in my own particular, have done it so industriously, that the Ambassadors have made me many Compliments thereupon, and assured me they have written no less to the States their Masters, which I am glad of, for the common Cause sake, if they have done it.

Thus far I writ to you Yesterday, upon *March 20.* the mistake of the Post-day, and to day having been a day of much Devotion, especially with the *Spanish* Ambassador, I have not seen him. The *Dutch* Ambassadors I have, and had long discourses with them, of which I will give you an account in my next,

next, we coming to no conclusion for the present. Amongst other things they have communicated to me, Monsieur de Witt's Letter to you of the 26th. S. N. Upon the whole matter, if the Marquis will not enable the Conde de Molina to be very Bountiful and Liberal to the Swede, as well for what is past, as what is to come, we shall not be able to bring any thing to pass, nor so speedily as the Concernment of *Flanders* will require. And if the Marquis does not in the like manner very particularly instruct the Conde de Molina, wherein he expects most expressly the Application of Ours and the States Succour, whatever our Intentions may be, *Flanders* will not be able to reap the fruit of them.

The Dutch Ambassadors tell me that, at my desire, they shall have Power sent them from their Masters to agree with Don Juan d' Austria and Us, in case his Highness lands here; and if we on our side see he passes the Chanel without touching in *England*, this latter business must be perform'd by you there. I wish you could cut your self into Three Parts; to satisfy our Obligations at *Aix*, at *Brussels*, and at the *Hague*; since it is impossible for us to help you from hence, in any of the Three Functions. God give you good luck to your skill in them all, and in many occasions to shew the Truth where-with;

I am, &c.

Sir

Sir *William Temple's*

C Y P H E R

To my

Lord *ARLINGTON*.

Money from hence is not to be had before Don *Juan's* coming, or the Pawn of their Towns. I believe I could bring the Marquis to Sign an Agreement for it, obliging the King at the same time to a certain Preparation towards their Assistance; but I consider, that any such private Treaty might give jealousy to the *Dutch*, and perhaps, the Marquis might make use of it, to let them see that we had advanced further than they in the Engagement, having that Opinion, that, if we were once engaged, the *Dutch* must follow, so that to Sign an Agreement before we can touch the Money may do us harm, and can do us little good. I suppose what Money we touch in private, must come from the Stores Don *Juan* brings over in *Specie*, and what we receive on that, to be lent on the Towns, must be agreed by a common concert with the *Dutch*, who will expect to detain a share for defraying their own charges. I desire sudden directions whether I shall Sign a Treaty with the Marquis, obliging *Spain* to furnish us with
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Three Millions of this Countrey Mohey, and his Majesty to set out a Fleet of Sixty Ships for their Defence, in case of *France's* pursuing the War: And, if it seems fit to do it, tho' I see no Money ready, whether I shall acquaint *de Witt* with it as soon as it is done. For, I think, what most imports us is to prevent all jealousies, the *Dutch* may take from any particular Treaties between us and the *Spaniards*: And, if the notice goes not into *Holland* from me; I much doubt it will from the Marquis.

Since what goes before in Cypher, I have received a Packet from *Paris*, and see by Sir *John Trevor's* Letter, but more by *Monsieur Van Beuningen's*, that there is no hopes of prolonging the Truce, and consequently that the War is inevitable. All what can be further done seems, for *England* and *Holland* to tell the *French King* joyntly, That, since all the difficulty he makes is upon the Marquis his Powers, and belief that *Spain* will disavow him, they desire the Truce may be prolonged for such a time, in which they may procure a direct answer from the Court of *Spain*, which they undertake to do; but, if the *French King* refuses this, to tell him boldly, That the first Pace he makes to attack the *Spanish Netherlands*, they will move their Forces in its Defence. I doubt the design of *France* is, if they can, to divide Us and the *United Netherlands* by the Proposal of our joyning our Forces with *France* against *Spain*, in case of their refusing the Peace, which they know the *United Provinces* were disposed to before our late Treaty, and perhaps to provoke us by Insolencies, at Sea, to break out before the *United Provinces*, in hopes, the *Dutch* seeing Us
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once engaged, may be content to be quiet. But sure the main of our business is, to go joint Paces with *Holland*, and keep them up in the best Temper we can; and for that end it may be necessary for me to go thither, as well as upon the Marquis his Instances; which are to press their Assistance upon the First March of the *French*, and to Negotiate the Money Business upon the Pawn of their Towns. Therefore I desire my Letters may continue to be directed to Monsieur *Nipho*.

Brussels, March 23. S. N. 68.

Monsieur

Monsieur de Witt
to Sir William
Temple.

Hague 26. March,
N. S. 68.

SIR,

Yours of the 18th. of this Month came safely to my hands. And tho some urgent Affairs have hindred me from answering you so soon after as I would; yet I have not omitted to communicate my Thoughts and Judgment to the Deputies of the States upon the King of France's Answer of the 9th. of this Month, and, upon the whole, to impart to you, and ask your advice in what remains to be Treated with the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*. I am perswaded that you will agree with me, That there are two important

Monsieur de Witt
au Chevalier
Temple.

A la Hay 26. Mars,
N. S. 68.

Monsieur,

J' Ay bien recen la vôtre du 18. de ce Mois. Et quoyque des occupations pressantes ne m' ayant pas permis de vous répondre incontinent apres; je n' ay pas laissé pourtant de communiquer aux Deputés de l'Etat mes pensées & mon jugement de la réponse du Roy de France, du 9. de ce Mois, & sur tout de vous en faire part, & de prendre vôtre conseil sur ce que reste a Traiter avec le Marquis de Castel Rodrigo. Je suis tres persuadé que vous jugés avec moy, qu' il y a deux points tres importants, qui doivent être

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Points which ought to have been adjusted before now, and upon which all the good success, we can wish for, absolutely depends. That is to say, In the first place, the Pawn of the Places along the *Meuse* with the Forts in *Flanders*, and in the second, the intire engagement of the King of *Sweden* in our Alliance; which, in my opinion, cannot be brought to the desired end without the first. And tho it is the said Marquis, who ought to press the one and the other, nevertheless it so happens that, being press'd himself, he seems to neglect them. You may be better instructed in the present State of the King of *Spain's* affairs than I, and you will judge by the consequence, whether it is possible or imaginable that they should obtain the end of their Business without borrow in a good Summ of Money. As for my own part, I am assur'd, that,

adjustéz, il y a long temps, & dont tout le bon succès, que nous pouvons esperer dans le grand affair, depend absolument. Sçavoir, en premier lieu, celuy de oppignoration des Places au bord de la Meuze, avec les Forts en Flandre; & au second, celuy de l'engagement entier du Roy de Swede dans nôtre Liaison; lequel, a mon jugement, ne peut être conduit à la fin souhaitté, sans le premier. Et quoy que c'est le dit Marquis, qui devoit presser l'un & l'autre, si est ce pourtant, qu'en étant pressé luy même, il semble les negliger. Vous serez mieux instruit de l'Estat present des affaires du Roy d'Espagne que moy, & jugerez, par consequent, avec plus de fondement, s'il est imaginable ou possible, qu'ils viennent a bout de leurs affaires, sans un prêt d'une bonne somme d'Argent. Quant a moy, je tiens pour assurer qu', a

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without it; they will not only be incapacitated from gaining Succours from the Swede; but they will not be able to put their Troops into any condition to make the least resistance against their enemies. The time too it self seems so precious to me in this Business, that already by the loss of that which is elapsed since you took the Pains and Care to exhort his Excellency by your Letters from the Hague, to forward the Pawn, Two Millions won't have that effect now which one would at that time. Besides that, he can't be ignorant, the Composition of the Republick is such, that, in the end, tho his Excellency will be resolved on his part, yet there are still Weeks requir'd to pass an affair here, which touches the Purfes of all the Provinces: And, I am much mistaken, if the French King will have so much complaisance then, as to

*faîte de cela, non seulement ils ne pourront pas se prevaloir de secours Sue-
dois, mais que même ils ne seront pas capables de mettre en aucun état leurs troupes pour faire le moindre résistance a leurs ennemis. Même le temps me semble, en cecy, si pretieux, que déjà, par la perte de celui, qui est écoulé, depuis que vous prêtés la Pein & le Sou d'exhorter son Excellence par vos Lettres de la Haye, de vouloir avancer la dite oppignoration, deux Millions ne feront pas tant d'effect que chaque Million auroit fait en cette saison la. Outre, qu'il faut sçavoir, que le corps de cette Republicque est de telle composition, que quand a la fin son Excellence sera resolué de son côté, il faudra encore des semaines pour faire passer icy une affair qui touche la bourse par toutes les Provinces: Et, je me trompe fort, si le Roy de France aura la complaisance de nous octroyer*

allow us the opportunity, which we have vainly let slip by our own neglect. If you are of the same Sentiment, I should intreat you to represent it very earnestly to his Excellency that he will ruine the whole Affairs of the King his Master by his irresolution and delay: And that in a little time they will be past all remedy if he continues the same Measures. It is requisite that the *Swedish* Army should be presently put into a condition, to be capable of performing the Service which ought to be expected from it. And it is to be lamented that the Money, by which the Soul ought to be inspir'd into this Body, is still so far to seek. God knows whether it can be help'd yet tho we were to conclude the Contract for the Pawn to day! I dispose the States as much as possibly I can, to Liberty; but they begin to make objections against

alors, le temps que nous faisons écouler inutilement par nôtre negligence. C'est pour quoy, si vous êtes de ce même sentiment, je vous supplie de représenter à son Excellence très vivement qu'elle ruine les affaires du Roy son Maître, par son irresolution, & par sa lenteur: Et qu'en peu de jours, elles serent sans remède, si elle continue ce même train. Il est temps que l'Armée Swedoise soit déjà mise, en bon état pour être capable de rendre le Service, que l'on en doit tirer. Et il est très fâcheux que l'argent, par laquelle l'ame doit être inspirée à ce corps, est encore si loign à chercher. Dieu sçait si l'on y pourra encore remédier quand même on concluroit le contract de l'oppignoration aujourd'hui! Je dispose tant, que je puis, les Esprits des Etats à la liberalité; mais on commence à me faire des objections, qu'il

me, as if I espous'd the Interest more than *Spain* it self; That it is better to employ Three Millions in one's own Country, and amongst one's own Subjects, than to send One out of doors: That *Spain* will the more endeavour to send Money into their *Low-Countries*, when they shall have no hopes of getting it from hence, and others of the same nature. However I will not omit pressing, and causing; by our Deputies, the said Affair to be press'd with the Marquis, since, I am very well assur'd, that for want thereof we lose the *Swede*, and abandon the Defence of the *Low-Countries*.

It is more now than a Month since his Excellency let me understand, by you, That he thought it very necessary that, immediately before all other things, we should concert together the means requisite for their Defence, and to carry

qu'il semble que j' y prende plus d' interest que l' Espagne même : qu'il vaut mieux employer trois Millions dans son pais, & entre ses propres Subjects que d'en envoyer un au dehors : que l' Espagne s' evertuera mieux, a envoyer de l' Argent dans son Pais Bas, quand elle n' aura pas l' esperance d'en pouvoir toucher icy, & semblablez. Je ne laisseray pas pourtant de continuer a presser, & a faire presser, par nos Deputez, au pres de son Excellence la dite affair, d' autant, que je suis persuadé, que faute de cela, l' on perd la Suede, & l' on abandonné la defence des Pais Bas.

Il y à plus d' un Mois que son Excellence me fit mander par vous, qu' elle jugeoit tres necessaire que sans perte de temps & devant toutes chosez l' on concertat ensemble les moyens dont on se serviroit pour leur defence, & pour agir de concert avec la

on the said Concert with Vigour necessary against France. You may remember that you very well approv'd my Answer, which was, That, if the King of France, after his Excellency had accepted our Propositions, should fly back, or seek Evasions, then it would be very just, and much to the purpose to Concert, on the part of the King of Great Britain and the States, with his Excellency the manner whereby we should act in the King his Masters Territories. And, since the King of France still refuses, by his last Answer, of the 19th. of this Month, the continuance of the Cessation of Arms, methinks there is a necessity that all things should be prepar'd for such a Concert. That the Pawn, and the lending a good Sum of Money were resolv'd: That the Treaty with the Swede, and the neighbouring interested Prin-

Vigueur requiré contre la France. Il vous souviendra sans doute que vous approuvier fort ma réponse qui pourtoit, que, si le Roy de France apres que son Excellence auroit accepté nos Propositions venoit a reculer ou a chercher des échappatoires, alors il seroit tres juste & tres a propos que de la part du Roy de la Grand Bretagne & des Estats l'on concertât avec son Excellence la maniere dont on agiroit dans le Territoire du Roy son Maître, Et puisque le Roy de France refuse encore par sa dernière réponse du 19. de ce Mois la continuation de la cessation des Armes; il semble que le temps requiert que tout fût déjà préparé pour un tel Concert. Que l'oppignation & le prêt d'une bonne somme d'Argent fût arrêté. que la Traité avec la Suede & autres Princes voisins & interessés fût

ces was concluded: That the Marquis had given you, and our Deputies an exact information of the present State of his Militia, and of the Garrisons of the most important Places, as also of the success of that great Levy, which the Baron of Bergeyck talk'd so much of (at that time when he was with me, and we put into his, and Ambassador Gamarra's hands, the Copy of our Treaties.) And, as I am told, 'tis in a manner all vanish'd into Air; partly, by the Knavery or Theft of those who were intrusted with the Money to raise the Troops; and partly, for want thereof. And that we think of means to remedy these miscarriages, which without doubt will be found in some sort, through the whole business. It is very indecent, and contrary to all Rules, that we, who have an inclination to furnish him with Money, as the first and principal Remedy for all his Sores,

conclu, que le Marquis eût donné une information tres exacte a vous & a nos Deputéz de l'estat present de sa Milice & de la garde de ses places le plus importantes comme aussy du succes de cette grande Levée, dont Monsieur le Baron Bergeyck nous parla tant (lors que thez moy nous mêmes entre les mains de l'Ambassadeur Gamarra & les siens la Copie de nos Traités.) Et, qu'il me dit, être allée en fumée pour la plus part; partie par la mauvaise foy, ou l'arun de ceux, qui avoient touché des deniers pour lever les regiments, & partie, faute d'Argent, & que l'on songeât aux moyens pour remedier aux defaults qui s'y troveront sans doute quasi par tout. Il sera mal seant, & contre la methode ordinaire que nous, qui avons inclination de lui fournir de l'Argent, premier & principal remedé a tous ses maux, l'allions prier d'

should go and beg him to accept it of us. But methinks it would be more proper for him, who has the greatest occasion for it, to use this method. And, since his Excellency seems more cold in this matter than any other, I refer my self to your Judgment, whether it would not be convenient that you carry your self a little warmly therein, that this point may speedily be determin'd, which must visibly be the first Spring to set the whole Machine in motion. And as to the other, we have dispatch'd, a great while ago, such Orders, Instructions and Powers to our Ministers in *England* that, the first being concluded, the effect thereof will without doubt occasion a speedy conclusion with the Count de *D'hona*, and of the Triple Alliance to be made between *England*, the *Swede*, and this State. We fail not in the meantime to assemble our

en vouloir de nous. Mais il me semble que ce seroit plus dans l'ordre que cette priere vint du côté de celui qui en a fort besoin. Et, puisque la froideur de son Excellence semble en cecy grande qui en toute autre chose, je me remets a vôtre jugement s'il ne sera pas a propos que vous y apportier un peu de chaleur, pour faire terminer promptement une affaire, qui doit visiblement être le premier ressort qui fera mouvoir toute la Machine. Et, quant a l'autre point, nous avons envoyé, il y a long temps, tels Ordres, Instructions & Pouvoirs a nos Ministres en Angleterre, que, le premier étant conclud, l'effect de ce mouvement fera sans doute la prompte conclusion avec Monsieur le Comte de D'hona, & la Triple Liaison, qui se doit faire entre l'Angleterre, la Suede, & cet Estat. Nous ne manquons pas, cependant, de faire assembler nos Troupes vers

Troops

Troops towards *Bergen op Zoom*, and also to form another Body towards *Zutphen*, as you will hear more at large from our Deputies, who are with you, and who will not fail to entertain you upon every thing that relates to the common Cause; where-to referring my self, I remain,

les quartiers de Berg op Zoom, & aussy de former un autre Corps vers le quartiers de Zutphen, comme vous serez plus amplement informé par Messieurs nos Deputés, qui sont aupres de vous, & qui ne manqueront pas de vous entretenir sur tout ce que touchera la Cause commune, à quoy me remettant, Je demeureray,

SIR,

Monsieur,

Your most Affectionate

Vôtre tres Humble & tres

Humble Servant,

Affectioné Serviteur.

John de Witt.

Johan de Witt.

Whitehal, March 23. 68.

S I R,

Since my last I have received yours of the 27th, and seen, in the Dutch Ambassadors hands, what Monsieur de Witt wrote to you of the 26th, wherein he seems to lay the blame very hard upon the Marquis that there is not an end yet made of the Bargain of the Loan Money. The Spanish Ambassador, on the other side, and the Baron d'Isola charge the States as strongly, upon the delay, saying, Their additional demands of *Damne, &c.* shews plainly they have no mind to conclude with the Marquis. In the mean time this, or something worse must be a Cause that we cannot come to a Conclusion with the Swedish Ambassador; and, however the Marquis may understand it there. We are amazed *Spain* will stick at any Sum of Money that may assure that Crown to them in all Events.

We had Letters yesterday from Sir *John Trevor*, of the 29th. *S. N.* which give us no clear light to judge what is like to be their conclusion. We tell them, from hence, the only Touchstone to try them by, must be *France's* consenting to the Suspension of Arms; who still object against it, saying, The Intentions of *Spain* are not for the Peace, That the Marquis deals unsincerely with them, and undertakes for things he knows he shall be disavowed in. Sir *John* gave us some hopes of continuing the Suspension, yet 12, or 15, days, beyond the end of *March*, in which time he hopes We, or *Spain*, with Us, may beget some expedient that may, at least,
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clear Us in the Opinion of the *German* Princes, if not convince *France*.

We know not what to think of *Don Juan's* delay, In what condition would the Affairs of *Flanders* have been now, if we had not treated with the *Hollander*? And yet in *Madrid*, as I told you in my last, they do nothing but declare against our Treaty at the *Hague*. Let them say what they will, if *Don Juan* does not immediately arrive with Money, and good store of it, and the Pawn be not made in *Holland*, *Sweden* will be lost to *Spain*, and we shall not be gotten with any effect to it. I need not enlarge any more to you upon these matters, supposing it is possible you may be gotten to *Aix* before this overtakes you.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, March 27. 68.

S I R,

THE freshest I have from You is of the 27th. S. N. which I acknowledged in my last, and God knows where this will find you. For *Montieur de Beverning* being gone to *Aix*, 'tis possible You are so too; but, till I hear it from your self, I shall not put my self upon writing very particularly to You. For which reason, I do not acquaint you with those new Qualifications we have sent to *Sir John Trevor* by the recommendation of the *Dutch* Ambassadors, by which we hope to obtain not only the Cessation, but the Peace also. The noise of them may possibly give some offence to *Spain*; but the reality

reality and substance will not. For, if *Spain* does what they have promised, and what we have undertaken they shall Perform, they can receive no prejudice from what we Promise if they do not Perform.

Here hath been a rumor, this day in the Town, of Don *Juan's* having passed the Chanel, but, upon examination I found no ground for it. Your Lady Dined with me this day, and shewed me Three Lines of your last Letter, wherein you ask to be instructed in the Ceremonial Part of your Negotiation at *Aix*, I can give you but one Rule in it, *viz.* To form your Meetings so as to avoid all Competitions and Rivalships for Place; which it must be the *Dutch* Ambassador's part to Negotiate fairly betwixt you, because he can never come into the Competitions.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, March 30. 68.

SIR,

LAST Night I received Two of Yours, of the 30th. of *March*, and *April* the 3d. And, according to your desires, have herewith dispatch'd a New Power for You in the Quality of Envoy Extraordinary, to those Letters you sent me of your Commerce with *Monsieur de Witt*. The *Dutch* Ambassadors have this Day added their late Answer to Yours dated *April* the 4th. and this Afternoon we have been together with them in debate upon the sending to You *Monsieur de Lyonne's* late Project for the Peace, to have You offer it to the Marquis

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to be Sign'd, which we wish he would do in the Terms it is propos'd without any alteration; because, by that means, *France* could have no pretence to go off from it. But, because it is likely he will on his side insist upon a Guaranty for the Peace, we have charged our selves to agree, to Morrow, upon an Instrument, and send it to you with a Power to Sign it together with the States Deputies. And this we take to be a shorter way to the Peace, than that of *Aix*, of all which you shall have a more particular Account by an Express within a day or two, presuming you follow Monsieur *de Witt's* Advice, not to make any haste to *Aix*, where I suppose, little or nothing will be done. The Letters from *Madrid*, of the 4. *March*, said no more of *Don Juan's* coming away, than that he was preparing himself for it; and this day, from Sea, we hear that Monsieur *de Beaufort* is abroad with Twenty Ships to way-lay him.

Being so far as you are there from the War, we think any Propositions of Peace ought to be acceptable to You; especially since the Marquis must belong ago convinc'd that *Holland* will not be lead against their will into the War, and consequently never leave finding out Expedients for the Peace at a greater Price than *Spain*, the longer it is delayed. His Majesty sent for the House of Commons this Afternoon, to quicken them in finishing the Money Bill, and to tell them they should not sit beyond *Whitsuntide*.

I am, &c.

Monsieur

*Monsieur de Ly-
onne's Project.*

Le Projêt du
Monsieur de
Lyonne.

WHereas the De-
lays and diffi-
culties, which must have
attended the examining
of different Rights, Pre-
tensions and particular
Exceptions of the Two
Kings, would extremely
retard the Conclusion of
the Treaty, and defer
the Benefit which all
Christendom does expect
and may receive, it hath
been Covenanted and A-
greed, as well in pro-
spect of a Peace, as to
put an end to those pre-
sent differences, which
have inflamed the War,
That the most Christian
King aforesaid shall have,
possess and really enjoy
all those Places, Forts
and Posts which he took
and fortified during the

D'Autant que les lon-
gueurs & difficul-
tés, qui se seroyent rencon-
trées si on fût entré en
discussion des divers droits,
pretensions, & exceptions
respectives des dits deux
Roys, eussent peu beau-
coup retarder la conclu-
sion de ce Traité, & dif-
ferer le bien, que toute la
Chrétienté en attend, &
en recevra, il a été conve-
nu & accordé, tant en
contemplation de la Paix,
que pour terminer les dif-
ferents presans, qui ont
rallumé la guerre, Que le
dit Seigneur Roy très
Chrétien retiendra, de-
meurera saisié & jouira ef-
fectivement de toutes les
Places, Fortes & Postes
que ses armes ont occupées,
ou fortifiées pendant la
last

last years Campaign. That is to say, The Fortrefs of *Charles-Roy*, the Towns of *Binch* and *d'Atte*, the Fortrefs of *Doway*, the Fort de *Scarpe*, *Tournay*, *Oude-Narde*, *Lisle*, *Armentiers*, *Courtray*, *Berg* and *Furnes*, comprehending the extent of all their *Bailliwicks*, *Chasteleins*, *Territories*, *Governments*, *Appurtenances* and *dependencies*, by what name soever they may be called.

The said Places, Towns and Fortresses of *Charles-Roy*, *Binche*, *Atte*, *Doway*, *Fort de Scarpe*, *Tournay*, *Oude-Narde*, *Lisle*, *Armentiers*, *Courtray*, *Berg* and *Furnes*, their *Bailliwicks*, *Chasteleins*, *Governments*, *Precinets*, *Territories*, *Domains*, *Seigneuries*, *Appurtenances*, and *Dependencies* by what name soever they may be called, shall remain, by this present Treaty, to the said most Christian King and his Successors, and those having Cause irrevocably

Campagne de l'année passée. A sçavoir, la Fortresse de Charles-Roy, des Villes de Binch & d'Atte, des places de Douay, Fort de Scarpe, Tournay, Oude-Narde, Lisle, Armentiers, Courtray, Berg & Furne, & toute l'étendue de leurs Baillages, Châteleines, Territoires, Prevôtez, Appartenances & dependances, de quelque nom qu'elles puissent être appellées.

Les dits lieux, Villes & Places de Charles-Roy, Binch, Atte, Douay, Fort de Scarpe, Tournay, Oude-Narde, Lisle, Armentiers, Courtray, Berg & Furne, leurs Baillages, Châtelleines, Gouvernances, Prevôtez, Territoires, Domaines, Seigneuries, Appurtenances & Dependances, de quelque nom qu'elles puissent être appellées, demeureront, par le present Traité de Paix, au dit Seigneur Roy tres Chrétien, & a ses Successeurs, & ayant cause irrevocablement & a tous
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cably and for ever, &c. as is settled by the 41st. Article of the *Pyrenean Treaty*.

The said most Christian King, immediately, upon the Proclamation of the Peace, shall withdraw his Troops from the Garrisons of all Fortresses, Towns, Castles and Forts within the County of *Burgundy*, commonly called *le Franche Comte*, and shall really, truly and faithfully restore to his Catholick Majesty all the said County of *Burgundy*, without reserving or retaining any part thereof.

The said most Christian King shall, in like manner, restore to his Catholick Majesty all the Places, Forts, Castles and Ports which he hath, or may gain till the very day that the Peace is proclaimed, wheresoever they may be situate, those Places only excepted which by the present Treaty ought to remain to his Chri-

jours, &c. Comme au 41. Article du Traité des Pyrenées.

Le dit Seigneur Roy tres Chrétien, aussi tôt apres la publication de la Paix, retirera ses Troupes des Garrisons de toutes les Places, Villes, Châteaux & Forts du Comté de Bourgogne vulgairement appellée le Franche Comté, & restituera réellement effectivement & de bonne foy a sa Majesté Catholique toute la dite Comté de Bourgoigne, sans y rien reserver n'y retenir.

Le dit Seigneur Roy tres Chrétien fera aussi restituer au dit Seigneur Roy Catholique toutes les Places, Fortes, Châteaux, & Postes, que ses armes ont ou pourroient avoir occupé jusqu' au jour de la publication de la Paix, en quelque lieu qu'elles soient scituées, a la reserve des places & fortes, qui doivent demeurer, par le present Traité a sa Majesté Catholique.

ftian Majesty, as hath been above recited; as also his most Catholick Majesty shall restore all the Places, Forts, Castles and Posts which he may take till the day that the Peace is proclaimed, wheresoever they may be situate.

Their Majesties give their consent that all Kings, Potentates and Princes, who please to enter into a like Engagement, may give to their Majesties their Promises and Obligations of Guaranty, for the execution of all that is contained in the present Treaty.

It hath been Covenanted, Agreed and Declared that nothing is hereby revoked in the the *Pyrenean Treaty* (that only excepted which concerns *Portugal*, with whom the said Catholick King hath since concluded a Peace) any further than it hath been otherwise disposed in this,

jesté tres Crétienne, ainsi qu'il a été cy dessus dit; Comme pareillement sa Majesté Catholique fera restituer a sa Majesté tres Chrétiené toutes les Places, Forts, Châteaux & Postes qui ses armes pourroient avoir occupé jus qu' au jour de la publication de la Paix en quelque lieu qu' elles soient situés.

Leurs Majestés consentent que tous les Roys, Pottentats & Princes, qui voudront bien entrer dans un pareil l'engagement puissent donner a leurs Majestés leurs promesses & obligations de Garantié de l'execution de tout le contenu au present Traité.

Il été convenu accordé & déclaré qu' on n' entend rien revoquer du Traité des Pyrenées (a l'exception de ce qui regarde le Portugal, avec le quel le dit Seigneur Roy Catholique a depuis fait la Paix) qu' entant qu' il en aura été autrement disposé en celuy cy pur la cession des

by parting with the Places aboveſaid; yet ſo, that no Party may acquire any New Right, or may receive any Prejudice, as to their reſpective Pretences, in any Matters, whereof no expreſs mention is made in this preſent Treaty.

places ſuſdites, ſans que les parties ayent acquis aucun nouveau droit, ou puiſſent recevoir aucun prejudice ſur leurs pretentions reſpectives; ni toutes les choſes, dont il n'eſt point fait mention expreſſe pur le preſent Traité.

Whitehal, March 31. 68.

S I R,

According to my Promiſe laſt Night, I herewith ſend you a Copy of Monsieur *de Lyonne's* Project, which you are, together with the States Deputies to preſs the Marquis *Caſtel Rodrigo* to Sign, unleſs he will chuſe rather, which we ſuppoſe he will not, to ſend Power to Monsieur *Van Beuningen* and Sir *John Trevor* to Sign it at *Paris*. And becauſe we foreſee he will not conſent towards the Peace upon what terms ſoever, unleſs he can ſecure his Maſter from another War. We agreed with the *Dutch* Ambaſſadors to ſend you likewise a Power to warrant and ſecure to the Marquis the Peace in general Terms, according to the Draught herewithal ſent you, from which you are not to vary in Subſtance, tho you may in ſmall Circumſtances, as the interting the very Peace in it according to the incloſed Articles, or changing the Manner as you pleaſe, ſo you do retain the Subſtance, wherein you perceive there

there is a further Guaranty to follow after the conclusion of the Peace. We have acquainted the *Spanish* Ambassador and the Baron *de Isola*, with our Proposition, but they seem not much to like it, therefore you may suppose they will give the Marquis ill impressions concerning it; but the time is come wherein the Marquis must either make the Peace or War: Towards the latter he is very ill provided, therefore methinks he should not hesitate upon the former.

In our Letters last Night to *Paris*, we agreed to direct our Ministers to press the King of *France* to suspend his Demolition of the Forts at *Dole* and *Gray*. It is certainly a most unjustifiable proceeding, but, perhaps, not an ill Argument that they will make the Peace.

I am, &c.

P. S. The *Dutch* Ambassadors do this Night send an Express to the *Hague*, to obtain such a Power for their Deputies at *Brussels*, as is herewith sent you.

Whitehal, April 3. 68.

SIR,

I Receiv'd one from You of the 1st. O. S. which I am forced to acknowledge so, because it had no date. It complains, and with reason, of the Project made in *Holland*, of constraining the *Spaniard*, much beyond the degrees, or Specification expressed in Our Treaty, which made us here reject it when

'twas propos'd, especially the latter part of it, relating to a Republick, and Cantonizing the *Spanish Netherlands*, indeed betwixt *France* and *Holland*, and with no advantages of Honour, or Profit to his Majesty. But on the other side, it is plain to us that, if we do not accommodate our selves to *Holland*, in giving some fair Answer to the King of *France's* Two principal Questions, expressed in *Monsieur de Lyonne's* of the 19th. past, we are not only in danger of losing the Princes of *Germany*, but even *Holland* it self; who seem resolv'd, tho they do not speak it very plainly, either to make the Peace upon any even shameful Terms towards *Spain*, or else to return to the Thoughts you found them in, when you went first to the *Hague*, of dividing the Prey of the whole *Low-Countries* with *France*. And this is that I frequently say to the *Conde de Molina*, and the *Baron d'Isola*, when they discourse to me their dissatisfaction in all *Holland's* Propositions for the Peace; which I tell them they ought to accept of upon any Terms how unsecure soever; I mean, with relation to that Member of the Alternative which the *Marquis* hath accepted. For, at least, they will get some breathing time for the present, and when the Peace is made, it will be the Interest of *Holland* especially to see it warranted sufficiently; if they refuse this, I ask them what party they will take? Have they a means without, and perhaps against *Holland* to secure the *Svedes*? Can *England* suffer it self to be led into the War, lying under such Debts, and with 300000*l.* yet only promised to support it? Are the Affairs in the *Spanish Low-Countries* yet in a condition of resisting 15. days march of the *French Army*? Does the *Emperor* yet shew himself so as to make the

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World believe he is allyed to the Crown of *Spain*? If the Marquis cannot answer you well all these Questions, you may, methinks, easily convince him that he must make the Peace, since he cannot make the War, and that he must not wonder 'at us if we rather chuse to follow *Holland*, in some indecencies towards *Spain*, so the Peace may be attain'd by it, than suffer them by a despair of our conjunction, to go over to *France*, to the utter ruine of the *Spanish Low-Countreys*; and perhaps to no less for our Selves, if *France* and *Holland* can find it their interest to conspire to our destruction.

The effect of all this Discourse is to awaken You to prepare the Marquis to be wise for himself, and to interpret favourably what we do in their concerns. Herewith I send you a new Parchment to carry to *Aix*, having understood that Monsieur *Colbert* goes thither with that Character, and that Sir *John Trevor* writes, they in *France* have warned him not to look that their Ambassador will give the hand to Envoys when they come to visit him.

By the next Post I shall be able to send You an account of our last Instructions to Sir *John Trevor*, which, how displeasing soever they may be to *Spain*, the Marquis will, I hope, remember he may always exempt himself from them, by making good what he hath promised.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, April 6. 68.

SIR,

ON Saturday Night last I received Yours of the 10th. which brought us the good News of the arrival of the *Spanish* Courier with all the Power the Marquis desired, the want of which hath made the *French* so confidently say they would make the Peace, and offer his Excellency accordingly the Project for it, which, if he either Signs himself, or sends Power to the Ministers of the Mediation to do at *Paris*, we shall immediately either see the Peace, or a final *desenganno*. The Belief of this last makes the *Holland* Ambassadors press more warmly than they did before the Agreement with the Conde de *D'hona*; and Monsieur *Meerman* charges himself with drawing up the Project which he Promises shall be ready before the Conde de *Molina's* Power can be here to indemnifie us, notwithstanding all his Professions and seeming Concernment to make haste. I know he will not conclude the matter till he hears that *France* hath totally rejected the Peace, and that the Agreement for the Loan is Sign'd and Ratified. Both he and the Conde de *Molina* press Us to make ready our 4000. Foot, and His Majesty hath, this Evening, given his Order for them. The Conde promises Mony shall not be wanting, upon condition we will keep the *Dutch* Ambassadors in ignorance of it, lest the Example should make them pretend to the like.

Don *Bernardo Reall* brought His Majesty a Letter from the Marquis, intimating a likelihood of his waiting upon him here, since *France* hath denyed him

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him a Passport. I will mind His Majesty of answering it by the first occasion, and assuring his Excellency of his welcome.

I am told, and from a very good hand, the States are going to warn the Prince of *Orange* out of his Lodgings at the *Hague*, and to take his Stables from him. You know how tender His Majesty hath been of pressing them to do any thing for him inconsistent with the Maxims of their present Government, if His Majesty's discretion should expose his Nephew to such a Mortification, what would his Highness, and all standers by say of it, especially in a time when *England* and *Holland* are so united? His Majesty is loth to enter into any Expostulation in this matter, till he knows the Truth of it, which he thinks he cannot better come by, than by your questioning Monsieur *de Witt* upon this Subject, and deriving your curiosity therein from common fame. As likewise to know what kind of Figure his Highness shall take in this Campaign, in case the *Holland* Army take the Field. I pray fail not in your first Letter to Monsieur *de Witt* to take up this matter and let me have an account of it as speedily as you can.

We hear a Tempest dispersed Don *Juan's* Fleet as soon as it got to Sea, and that the same or such like Weather had sent part of Monsieur *de Beaufort's* into *Rochelle*, but we have only weak Foundations for either of these News.

I am, &c,

London, April 10. 68.

S I R,

I Have Yours of the 13th. to acknowledge but little else to add, except the Warm Conversation we have had this day with the Count *de D'hona*, in the presence of the *Dutch* Ambassadors, who after he had, with much justice, complained of the delays we have used toward him, closed at last as we could wish in all things, but the last regulation of the Sum for what is past and to come (which we are to adjust to Morrow Morning) and, much to our wonder, on all sides, to see that Crown, which hath had a more mercenary Reputation than perhaps it deserved, should in such a Conjunction keep it self so fair and clear to its first Profession. But now when we have brought the Matter thus far, and that the States are willing to joyn with our Master in securing the Payments to the *Swede*, the Marquis his Power does not appear, or will not be owned to be here to indemnifie us.

We are in the same condition for the 4000. Foot, we are raising. The *Spanish* Ambassador hath promised privately to furnish the Moneys; but yet they appear not, when matters go thus towards the War, is it possible the Marquis can delay the Peace.

Sir *John Trevor*, in his last of the 14th. saith he was in hopes they should make it, if the Marquis would proceed frankly, and we give him leave to accompany Monsieur *Van Beuningen* in the steps he proposed, and had Authority from his Masters to make. We have done it, but neither yet will I tell you what

what they are that you may, with a better Conscience, yet persist, Swearing you know not what they are, and with a better grace bewail them, if they be a little more indecent to *Spain* than we can well justify. After all, 'tis said, We are not in a leading State, and if we had not followed *Holland*, so close that they could not lose us, perhaps *Spain* might have lost them.

A Rich Fleet is come from *Smyrna*, and others from the *West-Indies*, yet none of them can tell us any news of *Don Juan*, or *Monsieur de Beaufort*.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, April 13. 68.

S I R,

THE same day I received Yours of the 17th. an Express came hither from Sir *John Trevor* with the Treaty Sign'd at *Paris*, which is to be Sign'd at *Aix*: all which I suppose were in your hands as soon, and perhaps before this can overtake you at *Brussels*. You will also be gone thither, and I hope the rest will be concluded in an Hours Time. And, if the Marquis had not sent a Gentleman thither already in Pomp, I dare say he would direct him to Sign it in his riding Boots, *Puis qu'il ny a plus rien à merchanter*, *Because he hath nothing more to do*. And, after all is done, if *Spain* can get a good Guaranty from its Neighbours, which, methinks, *Holland* should be industrious in, as well as the rest, they will have

much to bless God that they are so happily delivered from this Campaign.

One thing I could wish, you had credit enough with the Marquis to obtain, that he would, for the security of the House of *Austria*, and for our Honour's sake, enable us to comply with the *Swedes* in the Treaty we have here made with the Count *de D'hona*: without which he must go off, and consequently that Crown be eternally disobliged, which *France* will not. in its next attempt, leave in a state *cercher partie*.

One thing more I must presume to advise the Marquis to, that, if *Holland* does not joyn frankly, and sincerely with us, in making a good Guaranty for this Peace, and such a one as may not only keep the War out of *Flanders*, but out of the rest of Christendom. Don *Estevan de Gamarra* should threaten the States that the King his Master will throw up all the *Low-Countreys* into the hands of *France*, rather than be the Guardian only of their Frontiers, whilst *France* makes the War upon other Members of the *Spanish Dominions*.

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A Provisional Treaty between the King of Great Britain and the States General, on the one part; and his most Christian Majesty on the other: in order to the Peace between France and Spain.

Un Traité Provisional entre le Roy de la Grande Bretagne, & les Estats Generaux de l'une part; & le Roy tres Chrétien de l'autre, pour achever la Paix entre France & l'Espagne.

THE King of Great Britain and the States General of the United Provinces, of the Low-Countries, having sent in the end of February, Van Beuningen and Sir John Trevor, respectively their Ambassador and Envoy Extraordinary to the most Christian King, to make him an offer of employing their Care and Offices for the speedy establishment of the Publick Repose, by the conclusion of a good Agreement be-

LE Roy de la Grande Bretagne & Messieurs les Estats Generaux des Provinces Unies des Pais Bas, ayant Envoyé a la fin du mois de Fevrier les Sieurs Van Beuningen & Trevor respectivement leur Ambassadeur & Envoyé extraordinaire au Roy tres Chrétien luy offrir d'employer leurs Soins & leurs Offices pour le prompt rétablissement du Repos Public par la conclusion d'un bon Accommodement entre

tween him and the Catholick King; and the said most Christian King having at that time kindly received the Offer of the said King of *Great Britain* and the said States; declaring to the said *Van Beuningen* and *Trevor*, that, for their Masters sake, he continued still in a resolution of agreeing to the making of a Peace upon the same Foundation, of one of the Alternatives, which they had proposed at the end of the Campaign the last year; that is to say, Either that the *Spaniards* should leave him in possession of all those Places, Forts and Posts, which he had taken the last Campaign, together with their dependances, or that they should grant him an Equivalent by giving up to him *Franche Comté*, (or in lieu thereof the Dutchy of *Luxembourg*) *Cambray* and *Cambresis*, *Doway*, the Fort *de Scarpe*, *Aire*, *St. Omer*, *Berg*, *Furn* and *Link*,

luy & le Roy Catholique; & le dit Roy tres Chrétien ayant des lors agreablement receu les Offres du dit Roy de la Grande Bretagne & des dits Seigneurs Estats declarant aux dits Seigneurs Van Beuningen & Trevor qu'en consideration de leurs Maîtres, il persisteroit a se contenter encore de faire la Paix sur le même fondement de l'une des deux Alternatives dont il s'étoit expliqué des la fin de la Campagne de l'année passée, a sçavoir ou de la cession que les Espagnols luy feroient des Places, Forts & Postes que ses armes avoient occupées pendant la dite Campagne & de leurs dependances, ou bien d' un Equivalent consistant en la cession de la Franche Comté (ou en sa Place du Dutché de Luxembourg) Cambray & Cambresis, Doway, le Fort de Scarpe, Aire, S. Omer, Berg, Furn & Link, avec leurs Depen-

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with their Dependances. It hath, since that, come to pass that by the Care and Offices of the said King of *Great Britain* and the States General, the Marquis of *Castel Rodrigo*, Governour of *Flanders*, by vertue of his full Power to treat a Peace, hath accepted, in the name of the said Catholick King, the first part of the two said Alternatives, and declared to Sign himself, or by his Subdelegate, a Treaty of Peace conformable to the Project, which hath been offer'd him by the Ministers of the King of *Great Britain* and the said Estates, who are at *Bruxelles*. Pursuant thereunto, the said Ambassador and Envoy Extraordinary, perceiving the matter proceed *in* fairly, have made fresh instances to his most Christian Majesty that he would consent to a cessation of Arms till the last day of *May* next following, in order to gain a convenient

dances, il seroit depuis arrivè que, par les Soins & Offices du dit Roy de la Grande Bretagne & des dits Seigneurs Estats le Marquis de Castel Rodrigo, Gouverneur des Flandres, en vertu de son plein pouvoir de Traiter la Paix, auroit accepté au nom du dit Roy Catholique, le premier membre des dites deux Alternatives cy dessus dites, & declare d' être prêt de signer, ou faire signer par ses Subdeleguez un Traité de Paix conforme au Project qui luy auroit été presenté par les Ministres du Roy de la Grande Bretagne & des dits Seigneurs Estats, qui sont a Bruxelles. Ensuite de quoy les dits Ambassadeurs & Envoyé Extraordinaires, voyant l' affaire si bien acheminée, auroient fait de vives instances a sa Majestè tres Chrétienne de vouloir bien consentir a une suspension d' Armes jusqu' au dernier jour de May prochain, afin de donner un temps con-
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space of time for finishing the said Treaty, according to the usual Forms: and his Majesty having declared, at their request, that, in the present condition of Affairs, he could not, without doing himself the last prejudice, grant the same, tho the said King of *Great Britain* and the said States gave him all the assurances, which he could conceive to be necessary, that the Peace would infallibly succeed, both as to the foresaid Conditions, and the time limited therefore; and the said Ambassador and Envoy Extraordinary have offered thereupon to his most Christian Majesty that the King of *Great Britain* and the States would be Guarantees of the Promise, which they had brought him on the behalf of the Marquis of *Castel Rodrigo*, upon the acceptation of the first part of the Alternative; and say, that by this Guaranty, which

venable pour achever le dit Traité, selon les formes accoutumées: & sa dite Majesté ayant declare sur les dits instances que, dans l'Estat present des affaires, elle ne pouvoit l'accorder, sans le faire des prejudices extremes a moins que le dit Roy de la Grande Bretagne & les dits Seigneurs Estats luy donnassent toutes les seuretez, qu'il jugeroit luy être necessaires, pour l'infalible succès de lay Paix, aus dites Conditions, & dans ce temps susdit; & les dits Ambassadeur & Envoyé Extraordinaire ayant la dessus offert a sa Majesté tres Chrétienne que le Roy de la Grande Bretagne & Messieurs les Estats luy seroient Garants des Paroles, qu'ils luy avoient portées de la part du Marquis de Castel Rodrigo, sur l'acceptation du premier membre de l'Alternative & dit que par cette Garantié, qu'ils avoient pouvoir de

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they have power to Promise, they are fully authorised and empower'd to give to his said Christian Majesty all the satisfaction and security requisite, and what he can demand of the said Infallible Success; the most Christian King hath hereupon nominated and deputed the *Sieur de Teller*, Counsellor in all his Councils, Director of his Orders, Secretary of State, and of his Majesty's Commands: the *Sieur de Lyonne* in like manner, Counsellor in all his Councils, Director of his Orders, Minister and Secretary of State, and of his Majesty's Commands: and the *Sieur Colbert*, Counsellor in all his Councils, Controuler General of all his Finances, Treasurer of his Orders, and Supervisor of his Buildings, instructed with full Power to Treat with the said *Van Beuningen* and *Trevor*, having the same Power, to Concert together the said Securities,

promettre ils le trouvoient pleinement autorisez & en Estat de donner a sa dite Majesté tres Chrétienne toutes les satisfactions & seuretez requisés, & qu'elle pouvoit desirer de l'Infallibilité du dit Success; le Roy tres Chrétienne auroit la dessus nommé & deputed le Sieur Teller Conseillier en tous ses Conseils, Commandeur de ses Ordres, Secretaire d'Estat, & des Commandements de sa Majesté: Le Sieur de Lyonne aussy Conseillier en tous ses Conseils, Commandeur de les Ordres Ministre & Secretaire d'Estat, & des Commandements de sa Majesté: Et le Sieur Colbert, Conseillier en tous les Conseils, Controeleur general de ses Finances, Tresorier de ses Ordres, & Surintendant de ses Bâtiments, munis d'un plein pouvoir suffisant pour Traiter avec les dits Seigneurs Van Beuningen & Trevor munis aussy d'un même pouvoir, & convenir ensemble des dits seuretez, ainsi que des

as also the safest and readiest means to come at a Peace, and after several Conferences, which the said Plenipotentiaries held thereupon, they at last came to consent unto, establish and conclude upon the Articles hereafter following.

I.

The Treaty of Peace, between *France* and *Spain*, shall be made conformable to the Project aforesaid, which hath been now deposited in the hands of the said *Van Beuningen* and *Trevor*; and the Ratification of *Spain* shall be transmitted to *St. Germain en laye* to his most Christian Majesty, by the last day of *May* next inclusive; as, in like manner, the most Christian King shall send the Ratification of the said Treaty, by the same last day of *May*, to the Governour of *Flanders*, or sooner if it can be done.

moyens, plus seurs, & plus prompts, pour parvenir a la Paix, & apres plusieurs Conferences que les dits Plenipotentiaries ont eues ensemble, ils ont enfin accordé, étably & arrêté les Articles qui s'ensuivent.

I.

Le Traité de Paix, entre la France & l'Espagne, sera faite conformement au Projét susdit qui a été presentement remis entre les mains des dits Seigneurs Van Beuningen & Trevor; & la Ratification d'Espagne sera Envoyée a St. Germain en laye, a sa Majesté tres Chrétienne, dans le dernier jour de May prochain inclusivement; comme pareillement le Roytres Chrétien fera remettre la Ratification du dit Traité dans le même jour dernier May entre les mains du Gouverneur de Flandres, & plutôt si faire se peut.

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The most Christian King does agree unto, on his part, a Cessation of all hostile Acts against the Spaniards; on condition that the same be reciprocal on the part of Spain; and this till the last day of *May* inclusive.

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Le Roy tres Chrétienne accordé, de sa part, une Cessation de toutes sortes d'enterprises & attaques sur les places fortes des Espagnols; a condition du reciproque du côté de l'Espagne; & ce jusqu'au dernier de May inclusivement.

III.

In case that, contrary to all expectation, Spain refuseth to make the Peace, according to the Project abovesaid, or that the Ratification of Spain be not transmitted to the most Christian King, by the last day of *May* inclusive; the said most Christian King being no longer then obliged to make the Peace, according to the Conditions of the foresaid Alternatives, his Majesty declareth that he will however be ready to make the Peace, during *June* and *July*, upon

III.

En cas que, contre toute attente, l'Espagne manque a faire la Paix, selon le susdit Projét, ou que la Ratification d'Espagne n'ayant pas été remise au Roy tres Chrétienne, dans le dit jour dernier de May inclusivement, le dit Roy tres Chrétien n'étant plus alors tenu de faire la Paix, aux Conditions des sus dites Alternatives, sa Majesté déclaré quelle se contentera de faire encore la Paix, pendant les mois de Juin & Juillet, aux con-

the Conditions of the Two New Alternatives here following (the choice whereof shall be left to *Spain*) that is to say, the First, That *Spain* shall part with the Conquests gain'd in the Campaign the last Summer, and shall further part with *Franche Comté*, and *Cambray* and *Cambresis*; the Second is, That *Spain* shall part with an Equivalent to what is specified above, and shall farther part with *Luxemburgh*, or, in lieu thereof, with *Lisle* and *Tournay*.

ditions des deux nouvelles Alternatives suivantes (dont le choix sera laissé a l'Espagne) a sçavoir la premiere, de la Cession des Conquestes de la Campagne de l'été dernier, en y adjoutant par l'Espagne la Cession de la Franche Comté & Cambray & le Cambresis; la seconde, de la Cession de l'Equivalent cy dessus dit, en y adjoutant, par l'Espagne, la cession du Luxembourg, ou, en sa place, celle de Lille & de Tournay.

IV.

In the mean time, granting as hath been already observed, That the Peace be not concluded, nor the Ratifications prepared, within the foresaid Term, by the neglect of *Spain*, the most Christian King attacking the *Spaniards*, after the Cessation is expired, in order to compel them to a Peace, upon the Condi-

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Cependant, dans le même cas, qui vient d'être dit, que la Paix ne soit pas faite, & les Ratifications fournies, dans le Terme sus dit, par la faute de l'Espagne, le Roy très Chrétien attaquant alors, apres le Terme de la dite suspension expiré, les Espagnols pour tâcher de les necessiter a la Paix, aux Conditions de l'une des
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tions of one of the Two New Alternatives, the King of Great Britain and the said States shall be obliged to execute the Promise contained in their Guaranty above-mentioned; and consequently to imploy incessantly all their Forces, by Sea and Land, to oblige Spain to make a Peace upon the Conditions already made mention of.

deux nouvelles Alternatives, le Roy de la Grande Bretagne & les dits Seigneurs Estats seront obliger de mettre a effect la Promesse continüe dans leur Garantie susmentionnée; & consequentment employeront incessamment toutes leurs Forces, par Mer & par Terre, pour obliger l'Espagne a faire la Paix aux Conditions qui venirent d' être dites.

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In case that the Peace, by the default of Spain, cannot be yet concluded, during June and July, upon the foresaid Conditions; their Majesties and the said States shall then resolve, a-new, upon what they conceive most expedient to put an end to the War.

En cas que la Paix n' ayt pü encore être faite, pendant les dits mois de Juin & de Juillet, aux dits Conditions, par la faute de l'Espagne; leurs Majestés & les dits Seigneurs Estats conviendront alors ensemble, de nouveau, de ce qu' ils trouveront être plus expedient pour terminer la Guerre.

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But, to the end that, whilst their Majesties and the States Armies are in

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Mais, a fin, que, dans l'employ des Armes de leurs dites Majestés & des dits
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Action, those inconveniencies may be avoided, which might possibly attend their joint Enterprises, where all may likely resolve on the same designs, it is agreed, That his most Christian Majesty shall be confined to act with his Army on this side the Rivers and Canals which pass by the Towns and Places, or along the Towns and Places following; That is to say, *Argentan, Navaigne, Maestricht, Hallen, Dieft, Sichem, Arschot, Malines, Rupelmond, Dendermond, Gand, Plassendal* and *Ostende*, neither shall he attack any of the said Towns or Places; and the King of *Great Britain* and the States shall be confin'd to act only on the other side the same Rivers and Canals, neither shall they attack any Towns or Places situate on this side.

All which Points and Articles, above-mentioned, have been joyntly

Seigneurs Estats au cas susdit, on puisse eviter les inconveniens, qui pourroient naître par la concurrence des Entreprises, dont chèque partie pourroit vouloir choisir les mêmes desseins, il a été convenu que les Armes de sa Majesté tres Chrétienne se contiendront a agir du côté de deça des Riviers & Canaux qui passent par les Villes & Places, ou le long des Villes & Places suivantes; a sçavoir, Argentan, Navaigne, Maestricht, Hallen, Dieft, Sichem, Arschot, Malines, Rupelmonde, Dendermonde, Gand, Plassendal, & Ostende; & n'attaqueront aucunes des dites Villes ou Places; & que les Armes du Roy de la Grande Britagne & des dits Seigneurs Estats se contiendront a agir au dela des mêmes Rivieres & Canaux, & n'attaqueront aucunes Villes ou Places situées du côté de deça.

Tous lesquels Points & Articles, cy dessus enonces, ont été ainsy convenus, ar-
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agreed, concluded and accorded on both parts between *le Tellier, de Lyonne* and *Colbert* in the name of the most Christian King, and the said *Van Beuningen* and *Trevor* respectively in the name of the King of Great Britain and the States General: who have promised to prepare the Rati- fications of their Maje- sties and the said States, by the last day of the present Month of *April* inclusive; and sooner if it can be done. In Tes- timony whereof they have Sign'd the present Treaty with their own Hands, and have there- unto put their Seals with their Arms. Made at *St. Germain en laye*, the 15th. day of *April*, 1668.

Le Tellier.

Van Beuningen.
J. Trevor.

De Lyonne.

Colbert.

rêtez & accordez de part & d'autre entre les Sieurs le Tellier, de Lyonne, & Colbert, au nom du Roy tres Chrétien, & les dits Sieurs Van Beuningen & Trevor respectivement, au nom du Roy de la Grande Bretagne & de Messieurs les Estats Generaux: les- quels ont promis d'en four- nir les Ratifications de leurs Majestés & des dits Sieurs Estats dans le der- nier tour du present mois d'Avril inclusivement, & plustôt si faire se peut. En foy de quoy ils ont Signé le present Traité de leur propre main & a iceluy fait apposer les cachets de leurs Armes. Fait. a St. Germain-en laye, le quin- zieme jour d'Avril, l'an mil six cents soixante huit.

Le Tellier.

Van Beuningen.
J. Trevor.

De Lyonne.

Colbert.

Whitehal, April 17. 68.

S I R,

I Have received Yours of the 20th. from *Brussels*, from whence I hope you are gone towards the dispatch of your Business at *Aix*, and that it will be dispatched on all hands. Sir *John Trevor*, in his to me of the 21st. told me, they were going to *St. Germain's* to endeavour to extend the Nature of the Suspension to all Hostilities, not only to prevent the Spoil of the Countreys, but to disappoint any accidents that might discompose the Peace. We take for granted here, that the Marquis will interpose no delays, and that *Madrid* will speed away the Ratification. From these presumptions we conclude the Peace made, one thing only we lament here, That the Marquis hath not yet sent a Power to the Conde *de Molina* to indemnifie the States and Us in the Promises we have made to the Count *de D'hona*. The *Spanish* Ambassador writes this Night to the Marquis, declaring to him that the *Swedish* Ambassador hath declared, at the end of Eight Days, he will break off his Treaty with Us, and expect no longer. And the Truth is, considering how much he hath been amused, at first by *Holland*, and since by *Spain*; I cannot say he is in the wrong. But I must conclude *Spain* to be blind to all its own good, if they let him go off to the *French* so disobliged, which of necessity they must do. I pray employ your credit with the Marquis, in representing to him not only his own Interest herein, but the Honour of Our Master also, which

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is in a great measure answerable to the *Swede* for this disappointment. When the *Dutch* Ambassador and I this day pressed the Conde de *Molina* and Baron *d' Isola* upon this Argument, they told us they feared, without the *Holland* Money upon the Pawns, which is now at an end, or Don *Juan's* arrival, the Marquis would not be able to find means to content the *Swede*, and that, if he could, they should not advise him to apply it so, till we all in common would enter into a Defensive League for the preservation of the Peace: To which the *Dutch* Ambassador said they could not reply without Directions from their Principals: I said His Majesty had not yet heard the matter debated, but the *Swede* seemed frank enough therein. To morrow we shall meet to talk of it, after which the *Dutch* Ambassadors promise they will dispatch an Express to know their Masters minds herein.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, April 20. 68.

SIR,

I Have received Yours of the 24th. before that of the 21st. came to my hands. In the latter of which was the Marquis his Guaranty to us, which we shall press to have ratified in *Spain* by the first occasion. I suppose you will be at the end of your Work at *Aix* before this overtakes you, so I need say nothing to it, and I have this only to give you from hence, That pressing the Conde de *Molina* to be ready within a few days to indemnifie Us and the

Hollander, for what we shall promise the *Swede* and the *Holland* Ambassadors, doubting the Marquis will not be able to find Money for it. They have desired me this day to perswade the Conde de *Molina* to humour in *Flanders* the Pawning, at least, so much of their Countrey to the *Hollander*, as may raise this Money, saying, That if Don *Juan* arrives with any, he may presently disengage it. The Conde promiseth he will write of it, but so coldly, that I have little hopes in it. I only tell you the Story that I may repeat his, as the importance of getting speedy satisfaction to the Count de *D'hona*, wherein our Master's Honour, and the Interest of *Spain* is concern'd.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, April 24. 68.

S I R,

YOur last Letter told me you were just then going to *Aix*, so I do not wonder I have none from you since, and we having left all your transactions there to your own discreet usage of your Powers on the one side, and the most Christian King having so regulated the matter on the other; I suppose you will have no cause to complain of want of New Instructions. And, by what Sir *John Trevor* writes to us of the 28th. *S. N.* we may reasonably hope whatsoever is resolved there will be easily Avowed and Ratified at *Madrid*; Since, as he saith, even Monsieur de *Lyonne's* Project (so called) was already allowed there: In one word,

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By all we hear either from *Paris*, *Brussels* or *Madrid*, the Peace is made. The only Pain we are in, is, that *Sweden*, in all this time, should not be engaged otherwise than by their own good will with us.

The *Spaniards* in the beginning, and with a great deal of appearance of Reason, accused the *Dutch* of it; and now the *Dutch*, with as much appearance of Reason, accuse the *Spaniards* for not either producing the Money that should do it, or accepting the furnishing it upon such a proportion of their Country, by the way of Pawn to the *Hollander*, as would presently procure the laying down of the Moneys. Upon this whole matter we expect, with great impatience, the Marquis's resolution, or Don *Juan's* arrival. Without which latter, we doubt, nothing but the Peace can be brought to pass, unless you think your credit with the Marquis can give any help in an affair, concerning more the Interest of his Master, than it does our Master's Honour.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, May 1. 68.

SIR,

WE were so busie on *Monday* Night, and so late at it, adjusting the Conde de *D'bona's* coming into our League with *Holland*, that I had not time to acknowledge yours of the 28th. and 30th. containing your Two expostulatory Letters to the Marquis for the Baron de *Bergeyck's* suspending to

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Sign the Treaty with *France*, according to those Orders you carried him; which we long to hear he hath done; and the Conde *de Molina* assures us that he will.

Sir *John Trevor* hath partaken of these apprehensions in *France*, but we and he seem to be delivered of them, tho we have nothing beyond strong probabilities to justify us therein. I hope your next will put us quite out of doubt, and give us the same assurance of your perfect recovery.

From *Aix* you will naturally come strait to *Brussels*, and there solicit, according as our next Letters will more particularly direct you, the effecting the satisfaction in Money which we and the *Holland* Ambassador have condition'd *Spain* shall give the *Swede*; without which the Conde *de D'hona* would never have consented to associate himself with Us. We have expected many days, but in vain, that the Marquis would send a Power to the Conde *de Molina* to indemnify his Majesty, and the States undertaking for their Money; which not coming, all we could conclude upon was the promising the Conde *de D'hona* to work effectually with *Spain* for the said Money, under the condition of not affording them any further Succours in case they shall refuse it. And to this purpose his Majesty will, by the next, send you an effectual Letter to the Marquis, which when you have succeeded in, his intention is to send you into *Holland*, with all possible speed, there to solicit what my Lord Keeper tells me he hath recommended to you, and many other things of equal consequence.

I am, &c.

Sir

Sir John Trevor's
LETTER

To my
Lord ARLINGTON.

St. Germans, May 9. S. N. 68.

My Lord,

I Received your Lordships of the 23^d. and did hope to have given you by this Post, an account of the conclusion of this Affair. We received News on the 7th instant, That the Signature of the Treaty was passed on the 2^d. of this Month, and that full Ratifications were come from *Spain* and in the hands of the Marquis of *Castel Rodrigo*; upon this News we did hope to have made the exchange here, and to have Proclaimed the Peace in a few days.

Yesterday the Express, I sent hence on the 16th. of *April* to *Madrid*, return'd hither, and brought with him Two Ratifications; One in Blank, the other of the Treaty according to the Project in such Form and Terms as we had desired; only we found they were in Paper Sheets, and with the private Seal of the Queen. However this Court was enough disposed to have pass'd this, without scruple, if the arrival of the Signature from *Aix*, at the same time, had not brought with it some circumstances that have much retarded, if not disordered the conclusion of this Peace. First, The late arrival of Sir *William Temple*, with orders to the Baron of *Bergeyck*,

Bergeyck, had begotten some jealousy, as by the Letters, I sent by my last, did appear: when they were come, the Baron *de Bergeyck* made many difficulties and objections against the Project, and the manner of Signing; which went so far that, on the 1st. of *May*, the Assembly was breaking up if Monsieur *Beverning* had not declared resolutely that, since Monsieur *Colbert* had signed, if the Baron *de Bergeyck* did not immediately sign it also, he would depart the next Morning, and give an account to his Masters that they might prepare to make good the Treaty, which they had lately made at *St. Germain*.

On the 2^d. of *May*, He agreed to sign, but would act under the Powers of a Subdelegation from the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, and accordingly inserted those Powers in the Treaty which were given in *August* last, and were known to be imperfect as to the Power of Subdelegating, and were in the Preamble, an invective against *France*; and therefore always excepted against in this Court. For which reason we had many Weeks since made our Applications, by several Expresses into *Spain*, for newer and clearer Powers for the Treating of this Peace, which we obtain'd, and had acquainted this Court that both the Marquis and the Baron had full Powers, without exception, to Treat, and Conclude. Besides, The Ratification, which is now come from *Spain*, carrieth in it the Insertion of those New Powers, and so leaveth a difference betwixt the Treaty and the Ratification.

These unexpected and unnecessary difficulties have almost put us beyond our Patience, but we are resolved to proceed as we have begun, and do hope yet we shall overcome it within the time.

This Proceeding of the Baron of *Bergeyck* hath
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rais'd a jealousy in this Court, that the design of the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* is to make this Treaty as imperfect and as invalid as he can, in order to future Pretensions, which makes them here unwilling to dispense with the omission of any Form, and therefore have deny'd us to make the exchange of the Ratifications till the 25th. of this Month, which may be a distance of time probable to have pass'd between the Signature and the Ratification, and capable of bringing New Ratifications from *Spain* after the arrival of the Treaty at *Madrid*.

To make all surer, we are dispatching, at this moment, our Couriers again to *Madrid*, to give account of these passages, and to desire their Orders to prevent any more of the same Nature, there being now no time left to overcome any new Imperinencies; and also we have desired our Ambassadors there to procure another Ratification without inserting any Powers but in general Terms, and to be dispatch'd in Parchment, and in the same Forms in which the Ratifications of the *Pyrenean* Treaty pass'd, which we think most reasonable, and will best obviate all scruples.

We hope this may arrive here within our time; however we hope to preserve the dispositions in this Court fair enough to conclude the Peace by the end of this Month, upon the Ratifications which we have already in our hands: But all the Care and Industry, we have us'd to dispatch it earlier, and to free the Countrey of *Flanders* from the burthen of those great Armies, is frustrated by these unfortunate difficulties.

We see now the reason why the Marquis sent us only the News that the Ratifications were in his hands, and did not send the Ratifications themselves.

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For, to this moment, he hath received none but to the First Articles, for this which my Courier brought is the first which hath been dispatched from *Madrid*, and were to have pass'd by him to us, and by the liberty we have taken to peruse them here, without staying for a return from *Bruxels*, we have gained time to make this other dispatch for *Spain* and preserve the whole affair yet entire.

For the demolishing of the Places in the *Franche Comté*, I have always judg'd as your Lordship doth, That it hath been dishonourable to this King more than the Profit can recompence; it hath never wanted my complaints from the first attempt.

The last night Monsieur *Van Beuningen* and I made new Instances to stop any further Progress; to which we were answered, That there had been no new Orders given, since the first; in which the King pretended he had a right to dispose while it was his, which right did not cease till the conclusion of the Peace: But the reason why we have no remedy is, because they know neither *Spain*, nor we shall think fit to expend the time limited for this Treaty, in the dispute of that quarrel: And the recrimination they now make is their best Answer, that it was in the Power of the Marquis and the Baron to have put an end to this, and all other Hostilities before this time; We hope this day however to obtain a new Order from the King to extend the Suspension to all kind of Hostilities, further than the bare subsistence of the Troops; which is most reasonable, since from the Court of *Spain* we have full Ratifications in our hands, at least in the substance of it; and that the delays have proceeded only from the ill humour of the Ministers in these parts.

It is a hard Question to Answer how this King will dispose of his Armies when the Peace is made, which I find from many hands is much consider'd in *England*, and with very good reason: they avow here, and the Practice hitherto agreeth with it, That the King will retain all the old Officers at half pay, disband the new ones (to their great discontent) and reduce the Companies of all to half numbers. The remainder of his Armies will amount to about 40 000. Men, which is not much more than the occasions of this Government do ordinarily require.

Here appears yet no pretence or preparation to the attempt of any new War; some of the *German* Ministers apprehend the revival of a former Pretence against the Ten Imperial Towns, or some new Engagement in the Affairs of *Poland*. There is a Rumour that the Bishop of *Munster* is stir'd up from hence to begin his quarrel against the *Hollander*, but Monsieur *Van Beuningen* believes it not.

My Lord, Notwithstanding this new delay, in our Affair, I desire the continuance of your Favour to procure His Majesties permission for my return, as soon as the Peace shall be concluded and Proclaimed, and that my Presence here shall be no more necessary. If His Majesty shall please to entrust me with this Liberty I will not use it to the neglect of any thing necessary to this Service.

I must always reserve in my own hand the privilege of declaring my self,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most Faithful;
Humble Servant,

J. Trevor.

S I R,

Whitehal, May 8. 68.

SIR,

IF I had written to you the last Post (which I should have done, if there had been time for it) you would have heard me complain much of the pain I was in, not to hear from you in 15. days, in so delicate a Conjunction of Affairs, which was occasioned by contrary winds.

Now I can, with Foundation, give you the Paraben of this great Work, which you may, without Vanity, call your own, whatever Padrinos you have had to assist you in it; and with more satisfaction, considering what escapes you made betwixt the Marquis his Resolutions, the Baron *de Bergeyck's* Punctilio's, and Monsieur *Colbert's* Emportment. God be thanked the great Business and you are so well delivered from these Accidents, after which, I hope this will find you safely arriv'd at *Brussels*, and keeping your self still in the same Figure of Equipage, to wear the better the Character of His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary at the *Hague*; towards which I shall send you, with all speed, his final Resolution and Instructions. In the mean time you will receive, by the inclos'd, his Mind to the Marquis, recommending to his Excellency the making good, with all possible speed, to the Crown of *Sweden*, what we and the *Dutch* Ambassadors have promised to the Count *de D'hona*, as you will see by this inclosed Act, which we gave him at the Exchange of our Treaty, engaging him in the Triple Alliance. The performance of which the *Dutch* Ambassador and I have already bespoke of the Conde
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de Molina within six Weeks time, when we hope the Ratification will be come from *Stockholm*. And the said Ambassador, observing already that the Conde *de Molina* calls to the *Dutch* Ambassadors and Us for a Ratification, he admonishes Us to delay it till the condition be perform'd with him, This, I say, is offer'd, but not concluded, by Us, to be observed.

I am, &c.

P. S. You never sent us any Copy of the promise of Guaranty you sign'd to the Marquis, tho you did the Original of that he gave you in exchange of it with relation to the King our Master, when the Conde *de Molina* hath pressed me, apart from the *Dutch* Ambassadors, for his Majesty's Ratification from *Madrid* to exchange with ours, which will not be amiss for you to take notice of likewise, to the Marquis, when he shall give you occasion for it.

Whitehal, May 11. 68.

SIR,

I Have received Yours of the 15th. expressing what Sir *John Trevor* had sent you from *Paris*, which hath been likewise confirmed to me from him, and I cannot but joyn with your Opinion that the Baron's return to *Aix*, and signing again, would rather discompose what is already done than effect any thing better. I should rather think the Marquis adding a Signature of his, and the applying the Ratif-

Ratifications from *Madrid* to both, or either, would be more effectual ; but of this you are much better Judge upon the place. In the mean time I cannot but tell you how much I am astonished at the Phantastick proceeding of the Marquis. It would be scandalous if his Strength were superiour to the *French* ; but, being so many degrees, as it is, weaker, I have not Wit enough to imagin what he means by it. I am further heartily sorry he proceeds as he doth with *Monsieur Beverning* ; but it is like all the rest, and so we must leave him, and the whole Affair to their several fates. For from hence, or indeed from you, upon the Place, I cannot see what can be further finish'd. In the last place, how can we possibly reconcile the Marquis's dealing with *France*, as if he would not have the Peace, and with *Sweden*, as if he never meant to have the War. It is all so Enigmatical that it makes me mad to think of it. To supply this latter, there is an effectual Letter preparing for His Majesty to send to the Queen of *Spain*, whose Council at *Madrid* seems to operate, and concur better with all our Sentiments here, at that distance, than the Marquis with the game in his hand.

Whilst this whole matter is in suspence, you will not wonder we send you no Directions to go into *Holland*. I am glad to observe so fair a likelihood of your being very welcome thither, which we had all reason in the World to be perswaded of before. You know to what degree it imports us to keep still fair with that State.

I am, &c.

SIR,

Whitehal, May 15. 68.

S I R,

I Have Yours of the 18th. inclosing a Copy of a French Letter from Sir John Trevor to you, and your Answer to him. I hope betwixt you, the Business is now done; since, on your side, you must have the Peace, and on France's, Sir John Trevor tells me, the same Council, which have brought it thus far still subsisting, will finish it.

Here inclos'd, You receive His Majesty's Letter of Revocation, after the delivery of which, and taking your leave, His Majesty is content, instead of your going strait to *Holland*, that you make a step over hither for a short time. It will be of much satisfaction to Us to instruct you for the next Business with your own Assistance here upon the Place, and your Wife tells me it will serve your own turn, in your Domestick Affairs, and the adjusting your Accounts, upon the Bishop of *Munster's* Money, to spend a few days here. It is left to your own choice whether you will come strait from *Flanders* hither, or take *Holland* in your way, to discourse with Monsieur *de Witt* upon what is past, or may like to be in the future. Continuing to assure him, His Majesty hath so much satisfaction in the late Transactions, we have had together, as to be very glad to have more to do with them, perswading our selves 'twill serve both our turns to be very good Friends, whilst the Sufficiencies, and Insufficiencies of our Neighbours are so notorious.

I am, &c.

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S I R,

Whitehal, May 18. 68.

S I R,

Yours of the 21st. leaves us without all possibility of doubting any longer of the Peace. In the mean time it is a lamentable thing, to hear how the *French* contradict it by ravaging, and spoiling the *Country*. We are fallen into a strange Age, wherein even the appearance of good Morality is become ridiculous.

I like very well the Marquis's Discourse to you apart from the *Dutch* Deputies, but I see the *Dutch* Ambassadors here make no scruple of declaring their Masters will not enter into the Warranty of the Peace, till *Spain* makes good what we have promised the *Swede*. For this reason the King hath sent a very pressing Letter to the Queen of *Spain*, conjuring her to see what we have promised made good. And, amongst other things, I have interted in my Letter to my Lord *Sandwich*, what you so prudently advised the Marquis, when he declared himself so frankly in his Resentments against the *Dutch*. I long very much to see you again here.

I am, &c.

Sir

Sir John Trevor

To my

Lord ARLINGTON.

Paris, May 19. S. N. 68.

My Lord,

BY this last Post, I have received your Lordships of the 30th. of April, and of the 4th. of May. I am very glad to find that any of my Dispatches have given your Lordship any satisfaction in those Points mention'd in your Letters, to which I have little to add, but that I find cause to be still of the same opinion. The Conquest of the *Franche Comté* had much alarm'd the Cantons of the *Swisses*, who have since made a League among themselves, (both Catholick and Protestant) for the Defence of the *Villes Forestiers*, and an Alliance with the Emperor in order to it, and upon demand from this King, he was refused to make any Levies of Men in all the Cantons. I have answered your Lordships Instructions concerning the *Swedish* Minister in this Court, with whom I have had from my first arrival a very friendly and strict Correspondence, and have found him very knowing, and very firm to the Intereſts of *England*; and though he would rather have wished a War, I do find the same firmness to us in Peace, and a Conjunction which this Court cannot shake. He gave me an account that the Count *de D'hona* had

sign'd the Treaty in *England*, and upon what Terms, and in all, the same Temper you find in *England*, appears in this Minister here.

We have this day received from *Brussels* an Answer from the States Deputies, (in which I presume Sir *William Temple* concurs though I hear not from him) to the Proposal we sent at the instance of the Ministers here, for the Baron *de Bergeyck's* return to *Aix*, to make a Second Signature, to which they sent us word, that they have not thought fit to propose it, but have answered our Second Demand better, which is to assure us, That the Marquis will fill up his Blank Ratification with the Treaty and Powers in the same Form and Terms in which the Signature was made at *Aix*, which will take away the Exception made here against the inconformity in the Treaty and Ratification. This we desire may be sent us so dated, as to appear as sent from *Madrid*, after the arrival of the Signature there, and then we shall be furnished well enough to answer all Objections, and make the Exchange here, if they really intend it. I am still of Opinion that the same reasons which prevail'd to lead this Court so far in this Peace do subsist still, and will, I hope, conclude the Peace. I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most

Grateful Obliged,

Humble Servant,

J. Trevor.

Sir

Sir John Trevor

To my

Lord ARLINGTON.

Paris, May 23. S. N. 68.

My Lord,

THIS last Post brought me no Commands from your Lordship, and this Post will not carry to you the News I wish to send you, that the Rati- fications are Exchanged, and the Peace Proclaim'd, but I hope the next may give some fair approaches to it. We have fixed it in this Court, that they chuse to have the Ratification with the same Powers inserted, and in the same Terms in which the Treaty was Signed at *Aix*, which they believe will furnish less matter for the invalidity: We have sent ad- vice of this to *Brussels*, and to prevent mistakes, (to which they are very subject there) and to bring us the necessary Rati- fications in the just Form, and to agree the Circumstances of the delivery of them here, and of the other from *France*, into the hands of the Marquis at *Brussels*, according to our Treaty; I have thought it necessary to send Mr. *du Moulin* to *Brussels* to inform them Truly, and to prevent the loss of Time, of which we have now very little to spare: He went hence on the 20th, and I ex- pect his return hither on the 26th. and on the 27th. we have agreed with Monsieur *de Lyonne* that the

Exchange may be made, and the next day after the Peace Proclaim'd.

The Marquis *Castel Rodrigo* sent us yesterday a long excuse of the Conduct of the Baron *de Bergeyck* at *Aix*, wherein he allows that he had sent the Baron thither with no other Powers than those under which he signed, but that having received notice from the Nuncio, that Mr. *Colbert* was furnished with Powers of both sorts, and was ready to Sign upon the Fair ones, if the Baron would do the same, he had then offered to send his Fair Powers also, if they would give new time for it; but it seems their Choler carried it to Sign under the First Powers, and *France* chuseth now to let it so remain.

We receive to our great trouble, dayly complaints of the Sufferings of the Countreys under the *French* Armies both in the *Franche Comté* and in *Flanders*; in which, as *France* hath not proceeded very Honourably, so the Ministers of *Spain* here, have not proceeded Wisely, to furnish matter for their own ruin by so unnecessary disputes; otherwise, we can truly affirm, that by the dispatches and Care we had taken the Peace had been published, and the Troops drawn out of their Countreys on the 10th. of this Month. We have had great difficulty to repair the disorders of the Signature at *Aix*, and to clear the perplexity of the Ratifications, but, I hope, Mr. *du Moulin* will bring us a fair Account of all. The disbanding goes on, and many of the Troops and Regiments of Guard are returned hither, but the manner of the Reducement is such, that the Officers being for the most part retained at half Pay, the Armies can be set on Foot in a very short time, The News of the *Swedes* entring into our League, is not very pleasing here. The *Swisses* are quite lost
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to this Crown, and they stick not here to reduce their old Regiment. I am with all Truth and Affection,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obedient
Humble Servant,

J. Trevor.

Sir *John Trevor*

To my

Lord *ARLINGTON.*

Paris, May 27. S. N. 68.

My Lord,

HAVING this day received these Packets from *Madrid* by the return of one of our Couriers, I am glad to find the occasion of this Gentleman's return for *England* to give them a safe Transport to your Lordships hands, and also to give you the Account of the Conclusion of our Work, by the Exchange of the Ratifications which we made yesterday at *St. Germain's*; and have agreed that on the 29th. the Peace shall be proclaimed both at *Paris* and at *Brussels*: In order to which, We sent away an Express last night to the Marquis, to give him an account of it, and of the Time of the Publication. The Work which is now left in our hands is to see the Orders dispatched from hence for drawing away the Armies, both out of *Flanders* and *Bur-*

gundy, and we intend to lie at *St. Germains* till we see it done; after this I have nothing to do but to take my leave, if I had received His Majesty's Commands for my return: For the Execution it is agreed, That all shall pass in the same Form as in the *Pyrenæan Treaty*, and Commissioners will be appointed on both parts: But this will not require my stay, and I believe the determining the Limits may spend all this Summer. It will be necessary that His Majesty have an Ambassador established here before the end of this Summer, and I find it is expected here, since this King prepares so early to send thither. It were vanity in me to fear my self in danger of being detained here upon such an account, but however I do again implore your Friendship to procure my leave to return since the Service is finished for which I came hither.

The States General do recal old *Boorel*, and I begin to think that my Colleague will continue here though he yet disowns it.

I hope by the Post to send you word that the Peace is actually proclaimed, and the Orders gone for drawing out the Forces; but I look on those but as Forms which must necessarily follow, since the Peace is perfectly made.

I once more beg your kindness for my leave to return: I have many reasons, Publick and Private, that urge me to it, but none that doth more justly dispose me, than the desires I have to tell you personally, how much you have obliged me to be for ever,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Grateful,

Humble Servant,

J. TREVOR.

My

August 28. 68.

My Lord,

I Have received yours, of the 28th. 30th. and 31st. The First gave me the good News of your arrival, and retreat at *Reswick*, with your reflections upon the disadvantages you foresaw, your new character would expose you to, in your treating with Envoys and Residents, and the Proposals of accommodating their Powers, by visiting them at their own Houses, since the King had refused to give you leave to give them the Precedence in yours. Upon the reading of which I brought the matter to a debate again at the Committee for Foreign Affairs, but His Majesty thought fit to transmit it to the Council, where my Lord Keeper, and my self were wanted again, and an Order made for your Government of your self in the case which shall be sent you. Where all the latitude left you is the meeting them in Third Places. The Third, which came to my hand before the Second, acquainted me with your having waited on the Prince of *Orange*, and your satisfaction in his Person; but, I hope you will take care that his Courtelie do not over-rule your Order in the visits to him. Your Second, gave me a full and satisfactory account of the Concertation you had with Monsieur *de Witt*, which we are all very well pleased with, and the temper you observe that Government to be in towards the maintaining a good Correspondence with ours, which I shall never think sufficiently cemented, till I find them easie in those Points, committed to your Care, relating to the Marine Treaty; and that I see *Spain* come

come roundly off with the Payment of the Money to *Sweden*. In order to this latter, I long much to hear from you what Monsieur *Appleboom* saith, who I take to be a Man more trusted at home than any *Swedish* Resident here, concerning the Baron *de Isola's* proposed Treaty with the General *wrangle*; which, (whatever the success of it be) will certainly furnish *Spain* with too good an excuse of continuing to answer us doubtfully concerning the Subsidies.

We have several rumours flying here, concerning the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo's* being yet to be removed, and that the Constable of *Castile* shall succeed him: I fear that will not much mend the matter. If you have not done it already, I pray take the first occasion to engage Monsieur *de Witt* upon the discourse of what Plea the States will take in case the King of *Spain* dies, which would certainly change the face of all the Affairs of Christendom. And, by the report of his weak Constitution, is not unlikely to happen. And be not content with a superficial Answer from him, relating to our League, but press him to say what were further to be wished by us in common in such a case. Here enclosed I send you a Memorial concerning our Packet Boats. I pray reflect severely upon it, and let me have an account of it.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, Septem. 1. 68.

My Lord,

Since my last I have received Yours of the 5th. and 7th. The former is best answered by what I wrote in my last, and the Copy of the Order of Council, which is to regulate you without any further dispute. I am sorry for it, but against this there is no remedy.

His Majesty hath this day with great attention read over yours of the 7th. and so hath his Grace the Duke of *Buckingham*; both applauding your Ability and Skill for having so sufficiently, and so seasonably founded the mind of *Monsieur de Witt*, which, we cannot but now think, is what we wish it should be, and that there will be no difficulty made of giving us satisfaction in our Marine Treaty.

I am just now going to my Lord Keepers to impart your Letter to him, with whom I will advise concerning the informing you more particularly of our *Guinea* Complaints, and the instructing you speedily in the desires of the *East-India* Company; upon which nothing occurs to me better than the getting that matter referred (as was resolv'd at *Breda*) to Commissioners on both sides, because froward People will not leave to be so still, that matter of Cavil be removed, and by that way.

I am, &c.

My

Goring-House, Septem. 11. 68.

My Lord,

I AM just now come home from a very pleasant Journey, and very good usage at my Lord of *Sunderland's*, and find in *Sir William Godolphin's* hands my Letters from you till the 14th. N.S. which he says, have been communicated to my Lord Keeper, and that his Lordship hath made Answer to them with the help of the *East-India* Company's Propositions, as they were entertain'd in the Council; which *Mr. Williamson* hath likewise sent, but having yet seen neither of them, I know not in what manner they have discoursed these matters to you, so that I must of necessity defer till the next, what I am to say, unless it be to tell you how infinitely well I am satisfied in your Negotiation.

The report of which has already gotten Wind, much to your Advantage. Go on therefore and make good these Beginnings, and once more, if it be possible, get the whole matter refer'd to Commissioners. I will discourse with my Lord Keeper, whether it be practicable to get them confin'd to keep within the bounds of the Matter that shall be agreed upon before-hand.

By the next Post, I will likewise tell you what our Post-Office says to your Letter concerning them. I am afraid they will not be willing to part with the Passengers, and will be farther afraid the Ambassadors Packet-Boat will rob the Office of half its Letters. When I wrote to you about this matter, I should have done the like to the Magistrates of *Amsterdam*, who are obliged to support Us in these two Points.

If,

If, upon your call, the Postmaster of *Amsterdam* would come to you, or one Mr. *Payne*, whom *Madamoiselle de Horne* can send for, he would be able to instruct you better in this Matter than we can from hence. So you fright them with the likelihood of seeing their Bargain broken, for the defect in these particulars. And, if they were not likely to be very faulty in them, methinks the States should not be at the Cost of Freighting a Boat only to carry their Ambassadors Packets.

My Pen carries me farther in this Matter than it should do, till I have spoken with our Office, therefore I will use it no more at present than to assure you of the perfect truth wherewith,

I am, &c.

Whitehal, Septem. 14. 68.

My Lord,

I Have this day received your Excellencies of the 21st. confirming again to us the good disposition in which *Monfieur de Witt* continues towards the giving a satisfaction upon the Marine Treaty; the repetition of which is not unwelcome to us. And reading your Letter this day to my Lord Keeper, and my Lord Duke of *Buckingham*, we fell into the debate of the Point whether we should insist upon having Commissioners, or no. My Lord Keeper still persists in the Negative, my Lord Duke says it is of Advantage to the Ministry to have the Matter pass by Commissioners, but of Prejudice to the Publick Service. I my self, I confess, do waver more

more in my own opinion than formerly I did. I see plainly how much it imports me to maintain the Affirmative, and how hard it would be to please the World in declining the way, both the Treaties of *Breda*, and the *Hague* have prescribed for their satisfaction. And yet, to bring the Matter, cut and dry d, to Commissioners hands, with a Declaration, on both sides, that they shall not vary from it, will I fear, expose the Matter, and the Way too, to equal obloquy. Which Argument of mine, my Lord Keeper says fortifies him the more in his opinion than all his own. Thus we rose from the Matter, reserving the determination of it for the Committee of Foreign Affairs, of which you shall have an account by the first.

Some hours before the arrival of your Packet, of the 21st. the *Dutch* Ambassador had given His Majesty an account of what the States of *Zealand* had done for the Prince of *Orange*, and with much satisfaction, expressing a great deal of that mind, which seems to be so strong in his Countrey Men. His Majesty contained himself very much, not being able to judge what the consequences of this may be in *Holland*, and fearing least the suspicion of his having had knowledge thereof, might disturb your Negotiation; but he assures himself whatever the Event of the former be, you will take care the States nor Monsieur *de Witt* receive no Umbrage in the latter.

I long to hear, from you what Judgments are made at the *Hague* of the New Governour, and his arrival in *Flanders*, and what plie the Affairs there are like to take under him.

From *Madrid* we hear the Councils and Councillors there, are much divided, and that neither
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Ours, nor the *Dutch* Ambassadors Instances have yet prevail'd to procure *Sweden* satisfaction in the Point of the Subsidies.

I am, &c.

Goring-house, Septem. 18. 68.

My Lord,

HAVING had none from your Excellency since my last of the 14th. I have little to add by this, more, than that His Majesty, taking into consideration the subject of your last, relating to the amendment of the Marine Treaty, in the Committee of Foreign Affairs, concluded, according to your Instructions, That you should still insist upon obtaining Commissioners to adjust our Differences with the States in the *Guinea* Affairs. And that, for what related to the *East-India* Company's Propositions, you should continue debating and digesting the whole matter of them with Monsieur *de Witt*, not pressing him in the point of bringing it to Commissioners, unless he be easie in it, and when the matter shall be so prepared, His Majesty will then further declare his Mind, whether he will insist thereupon.

The King and Queen resolve to spend all the next Month at *Audly-End*; whether, I believe, most of our Ambassadors will follow them. The Council likewise goes, but not the Commissioners of the Treasury. I hope before that time, I shall be able to send you word, that Sir *John Trevor* is my Brother Secretary, which I know you will rejoyce in.

I am, &c.

P. S.

P. S. I long to hear how the Prince of Orange's Acquisition in *Zealand* goes down in *Holland*; you know already you may with all Truth declare His Majesty's ignorance of it, and you must take care the poor Ambassador here suffers not for it, to whom it was as entire a secret as to us.

Whitehal, Septem. 22. 68.

My Lord,

SINCE my last I have received Two of your Excellencies, of the 24th. and 28th. *N. S.* In the former was the States Letter to the King of *Denmark*, and his Answer to it, which is a very dry one; and yet, to do it right, such a Letter could not deserve a better Answer; When I spoke with Monsieur *de Meerman* upon the Matter, I told him we had two Complaints against that King, but one of them more avowable than the other, to wit, that, Since the Treaty at *Breda*, he had laid New Impositions upon Our Commerce, which became very burthensome to it: The other, That we had cause to take it ill, the King of *Denmark* had not since the said Treaty sent a Minister hither, to which we had certainly corresponded by sending another to him. I told Monsieur *Meerman*, we had complained of the former by a Person not improper to the occasion, to wit, our Consul, and this discourse with him hapning about the time that both *France* and *Holland* were jealous, and express'd themselves to be so: That the King our Master was arming himself (after the Peace made) against the King of *Denmark*,
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they both offer'd to mediate and compose any Differences that should be betwixt Us. His Majesty to give the States a further Evidence of His Confidence in them, chose their Mediation, and accordingly, bad me signifie so much from him to Monsieur *Meerman*. This is the Story of the matter, and if I explain'd it well enough to Monsieur *Meerman*, methinks you should not disagree with me in the opinion, That the States Letter did not come very home to it; and consequently not doing so, the King of *Denmark* could not well answer otherwise than he did.

My Lord Keeper having been indispos'd ever since I receiv'd your Letter, I have not been able to get a meeting for your further direction in this Point: But if Monsieur *de Witt* will make good what your Letter seems to say, *That if his Majesty should think fit to signifie, either to the States or to You, the particulars in which he expects Redress, he did not doubt but they would again employ their Offices towards that King, to induce him to consent to our enjoyment of the same Liberties we had, in our Northern Trade, before the War, and in equality with the Dutch.* If, I say, Monsieur *de Witt* could obtain this point, thus extended, and the sending a Minister hither from *Denmark*, I am perswaded we should be content for the present, and hope in the future such a good understanding might be establish'd between the two Crowns, as that of *Denmark* might shake off the the Captivity of *France*, and joyn themselves cordially and effectually to our Triple Alliance. But if the States either cannot, or will not bring this to pass, *Denmark* shall still stand off, not only from Our Union, but even to the prejudice of *Holland*, against

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whom they would willingly shelter themselves under the Protection of *France*. And all this (if I am not mistaken) agrees not only with the Article of your Instructions in this Affair, but even complies with the Marginal Note upon it: But if, (as is said before) conferring with my Lord Keeper, we shall concur in any further advice to you, upon this subject, you shall receive it by the first occasion.

Till then, I must likewise refer my self to tell you what His Majesty's opinion will be upon the discourse you had with Monsieur *de Witt*, concerning succouring the *Venetians* against the *Turk*. I think you reason very well upon the matter, that the Aids sent from the rest of Christendom will serve the turn this Campaign, if *Candia* be not already lost. So that the Winter will furnish us with time to consider, whether we shall together joyn our hands to a further defence, or making the Peace, which latter for all Reasons were the better, and especially for that one of giving a new reputation to our Union.

I have seen what you wrote to my Lord Keeper in Cypher of the 28th. but will not venture to advise you in either of the Points. Your Instruction, upon one of them, was shortned from what it was first made at *Tunbridge*, upon a debate, after my return from the *Bath*, at our Private Committee: The other Point, as you well know, could not be foreseen; and, because the consequences of it are yet invisible, your own discretion must temper your behaviour to both Parties, as well as to Standers by, who will watch it very narrowly, and make many Glosses upon it.

Here inclos'd I send you a Paper that hath been many days in my hand, but was mislaid on the Post Days; It is a Paragraph of the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo's*

drigo's Letter to the Conde de *Molina* in some *quexas amorosas*.

There is also inclos'd a Letter from Monsieur *Joly*, belonging to the *French* Ambassador, to a Bookseller at *Amsterdam*, in whose hands there lie all the Copies of an infamous Libel touching the Royal Family. You must send some Person of Trust and Discretion to the said Bookseller, who may be an Eye-witness of the burning the whole *Ballôte* in which the Libels are, and draw an acknowledgment under the said Bookseller's hand that it is done, giving one likewise to him for his justification, who must likewise receive the written Copy, and a Printed one seal'd up as the Letter expresses to be sent over hither.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, Septem. 29. 68.

My Lord,

I AM to acknowledge Two of Yours of *October* the 2d. and the 5th. The former contained Monsieur *de Witt's* replies to the *East India* Company's Propositions, both which shall be compared together, and you shall be instructed in His Majesties last mind upon them, and this is the first Affair Sir *John Trevor*, my Brother Secretary now, is intrusted with, who stays behind, whilst I follow the King in his Progress. His Majesty goes to Morrow at break of day, but I shall not set out till *Friday* Morning, and the Queen not till to Morrow Sev'night.

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Your

Your Second Letter was brought me to Day only, it hath a material question concerning the Guaranty to be given the Crowns of *France* and *Spain*; to the latter, we and the *Dutch* Ambassadors resolv'd ever to refuse it; till they had made good to the *Swede* the promised Subsidies: And to the former, being the stronger, we thought it unreasonable to give it, whilst we did not give it to the weaker. But, what I think imports us most, and will conserve best the Peace of Christendom, is a confederation with *Holland*, *Sweden*, *Switzerland*, and what other Princes of the Empire will joyn with us. And of this, as I remember, the beginning of your Instructions does mind you; which, whilst you are thinking of there, I will advise with my Lord Keeper how we shall direct you from hence more particularly to your Question.

We are very impatient here to understand how the Prince of *Orange* ends his Progress, and how *Holland* will look upon it at his return. The business of *Treves* was past retrieving before you wrote of it. I have been above these three Months struggling for them in favour of the Prince's Interest, but could not prevail.

My Officers of the Post-Office ask me whether you have spoken to Mr. *Payne*, and whether you have taken a little pains to study their Paper; I need not tell you how much I am concern'd in the good event of that matter.

I am, &c,

October 11. 68.

My Lord,

SINCE my leaving *London* yours of the 9th. and 12th. currant, were sent after me into the Country, after they had been seen, at *London*, at the Committee of Foreign Affairs; upon which His Majesty hath sent his mind to the said Committee, directing them to instruct you accordingly, which will be done by Mr. Secretary *Trevor*. So that I have nothing to tell you from my self, but that I have receiv'd your advice concerning the Packet-Boats, which I will communicate to my Officers, and likewise the execution of the Order given you, concerning the Libel, the Copy, and all the Manuscripts of which His Majesty wisheth you would send hither by the first conveyance.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, October 23. 68.

My Lord,

MY absence from hence, and attending His Majesty into *Suffolk* is the reason I am in arrear to you for your many Letters, and the knowing the cause will, I assure my self, pardon the effect without the help of any further Apologies.

His Majesty was acquainted at *Audley-end* with the Proposition of drawing *Spain* to give satisfaction to *Sveden*, in the point of the Subsidies, by war-

ranging to *Spain* the *Pyrenean* Treaty. And accordingly gave his direction that you should be authoriz'd, instead of agreeing to the said Proposition, to make an offer of His Majesty's paying a Third part of the Subsidies; *Spain* and the States paying the other Two Thirds. This was signified to you by Mr. Secretary *Trevor*, of which you complaining, in your last, of the 26th. the matter hath been brought to a new debate at the Committee; but without any variation in the conclusion from those directions formerly sent you.

We remembered how unwillingly the Dutch
 This in *Ambassadors* here consented to promise to
 Cypher. *warrant the Peace of Aix: How averse they*
were to the performance of it, after the
Peace was made, until Spain should pay the Subsidies.
It was further observed that Monsieur de Witt is no-
toriously mistaken, in affirming that the Treaty of Aix
Ratifies the Pyrenean Treaty, which will be clear to
them in reading the 8th. Article, which is industriously
Pen'd to avoid the suspicion of it: And lastly, How
frankly soever you suppose Monsieur de Witt speaks in
those his Offers, we observe out of your own Letters,
that he answers for his own Opinion only therein, and
doubts whether the States will concur with him, which
makes us suspect they are made rather to sound us to
the bottom, than believe the States can be yet ready
to embark themselves, and all their Commerce so
without retreat with Spain. And this being His Ma-
jesty's conclusion as to this Point, you must improve it
as skilfully as you can, and at the same time take from
Monsieur de Witt, and the rest of your Commissioners,
all suspicion of Tergiversation in Us, in our Union
and Triple Alliance, or hanging towards France;
wherein, I can assure you with all confidence, there

is not the least step made since you left us.

God be thanked we have the Winter before us to take our measures very sufficiently, and upon the grounds you carried with you; and if we must come to the point of warranting Spain from all accidents from France, I am sure, in the condition His Majesty's affairs are, it will behove him to be secure of Spain's supporting the expence of it; which will be a good reason to your self, tho an improper one to alledge to Monsieur de Witt.

As to the point of the Prince of Orange, His Majesty approves entirely of your good Counsel you give his Highness, the Prosecution of which alone can help him to attain his ends. By the first you shall have a distinct answer to what you wrote in Cypher, upon this subject; but it is concluded it could be much more sufficiently made if it were known to His Majesty, whether your Proposition rose from your own conjecture, and from the condition of the Prince's Affairs, or from any grounds given you by the Ministers there.

This was in
Cypher.

We have had the Answers to our Marine Treaty at the debate, and receiv'd some help therein from the East India Company, without whom we dare not charge our selves to judge of their Affairs, and of this you shall have a good account by the next.

I am infinitely sorry for the trouble you have by the detention of the Skipper. I was told many days ago that he was at liberty, if he be not, I have now ordered it so positively, as I do not now doubt of being obeyed, and having his Bail restor'd to him.

I had almost forgot to tell you that His Majesty, being press'd very hard by the Venetian Ambassador, to afford some Succour to Candia, hath answered

him that he will direct his Ambassador in *Holland* to concert with the States, in what manner we shall jointly do it, that neither may take advantage of the others generosity therein: Accordingly His Majesty commands you to sound the mind of the States hereiu, professing His readiness to do something in so common a Cause; wherein our own, as well as the Interest of Christendom is so much concern'd.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, October 27. 68.

My Lord,

MY last was of the 23^d. instant, wherein I promised you some resolution of His Majesties to your former Paper in Cypher, concerning *the Prince of Orange*; which, being read over again distinctly before him, he declared, you must first answer the Question in my last, upon that subject, before he could give a steady opinion thereupon; but inclining much to *the Prince's* contenting himself with a little, and such a little, if it be so, as you have specified, rather than run the hazard of losing the whole. As to the Ship *Royal Charles*, His Majesty says he was lately assured by one, who saw her, that her back is broke, lies at present all covered with mud, and will never be of use; but would have you inform your self what is the true condition of her, and whether she be worth accepting.

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When I have added to this that Monsieur *Van Beuningen* will be a very welcome Ambassador here, in case *Boreel* be called away, I do not remember I have left any thing in your many Letters unanswer'd.

You must make it your business to be inform'd very particularly of *Three Merchant Ships*, fitting now at Amsterdam, for the Barbadoes, with several manufactures for her lading; and if you have an opportunity there, to advertise the Governour thereof, that he may seize them, because it is a great breach of the Act of Navigation, and yet so acceptable to the People, upon that Island, that it may contribute much to the debauching of them, at least from their dependance upon England. If you can add to your information into the Barbadoes, or hither, the Names, Force, and descriptions of the Ships, &c. it will much help the finding them out, making your enquiry as private as you can. We have not been able possibly since my last to dispatch the business of the Marine Treaty.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, October 30. 68.

My Lord,

I Have now received Yours of the 30th. N. S. wherein I perceive Monsieur *de Witt* yet holds off from the Proposition of dividing equally our satisfaction to *Sweden*, and yet that you persist in the resolution of trying him again upon it.

I am sorry our Letters from *Swedeland* speak so doubtfully of the Congress betwixt Comte *Wrangel* and

and the *Spanish* Ministers. I have ever hoped that, That meeting taking effect, *Spain* might be easily inclined to give *Sweden* that Money from their own hands, which they refuse to our intercession.

I should have told you, in my last, of my Lord *Carlisle's* being named to go Extraordinary Ambassador into *Swedeland*. We had once a thought of sending him by *Hamburgh* likewise, to be at the Congress according to an invitation intimated to us by *Mr. Thinne*. But, on the one side, the meeting seeming uncertain, and, on the other, we not thinking it fit to do any thing of that kind, wherein the States did not concur with us, from whom we never heard any thing to that purpose, we have now laid that thought quite aside, and mean to send him strait to *Gottenburgh* with all the speed possible we can. Where amongst other things, he shall be authorised to propose the effect of the first Article of your Instructions, which, we suppose, falls in very seasonably now into your Negotiation, and will naturally, and much more sufficiently, lead us to the Conclusion *Monsieur de Witt* insists upon, than as he proposed it. We having agreed to warrant the Peace, which can better put us into a State of doing it, than a new Confederation, specifying the ways we will do it by. And, such a one being framed, the weaker of the Two Crowns will certainly reap the fruit of it, and no offence be given to the stronger.

The News you send me in your 2^d. Letter, looks at least like Truth, if it be not so, I pray God the warning you give us will prevent the mischief of it. I make no doubt of the Truth of what you say in the latter part, and, I promise you, I will endeavour to give you ease in it, with all the efficacy and
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credit I have, and in the mean time remember the
Consolatory *French* Proverb applyed to such Cases.

Un bon mariage payera tout.

Yet we cannot send you our Answers upon the
East India affairs; but without further delay, they
shall be finished to Morrow.

To the Inquiry I desired of you in my last, I must
desire you to add, the informing your self whether
any of the Ships have His Majesty's Passes; or, to
speak more properly, his Warrants for Naturaliza-
tion, which they will make to serve for Passes. And,
if it be possible, to get me a Copy of one of them;
that, if there be any abuse, or surprize, we may
think of a way to rectifie it.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, Novem. 3. 68.

My Lord,

I Have now received Yours of *November* the 2d.
and read what you wrote to my Lord Keeper of
the same date; which shews us you were then far
from the Opinion we had sent you. His Majesty
would have you, by all means, concur with Mon-
sieur *de Witt* in framing such a Project as he proposes,
and transmit it hither, that we may see fully his mind
in this matter; which, we observe, is still accom-
panied with a reserve of what the States may think
of it: which is no ill rule for you to follow. I find
by what he says to you, he hath also written to
Monsieur *Boreel*, both in relation to the *Swedish*
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Subsidies, and the warranting the Peace. In the first, he says, That the Money ought to come from *Spain*, and that if we are to give any, it will be more seasonably applied in time of action; but he cannot tell me what will become of our Triple Alliance, if *Sweden*, for want of what was promised them, and upon which single condition they entred into it, shall separate themselves from us. In the latter he maintains confidently that we have always told you, we cannot agree, in that warranting the Treaty at *Aix*, warrants the *Pyrenean* also; whereas this latter maintains the renuntiation of the Queen of *France* to be valid, and the King her Husband obliged to the observation of it, whatever is said to the contrary. The former supposes it void, as Sir *John Trevor* hath already told you, who, besides what the Letter of the Treaty says, was, as you know, present at the framing the Project of the Treaty. This we have thought fit to mind you of again, because we perceive, by Monsieur *Boreel's* discourse, Monsieur *de Witt* stands still in his former Opinion; for which reason perhaps you may think it necessary not to disturb him, in the framing his Project by these reflections, that you may better perceive what the bottom of his mind is upon the whole matter.

We shall be very sorry to find his Highness, the Prince of *Orange*, call to His Majesty for the Payment of his Debt, when it is impossible for His Majesty to do it. He hath solemnly acknowledged it by the Form of a Privy Seal, and means, whenever the Parliament is in a disposition to pay his other Debts, to add to them this to the Prince.

His Majesty would have you make no manner of scruple of giving his consent to the admitting the
Princes

Princes of *Lunenburgh* into the Triple Alliance, as also the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, or, as you say well, any other Protestant Prince, and joyning with the States in inviting them into it.

I am glad, my Lady, your Wife, is safely arrived there, and that she hath carried you your Bills, for your Three Months. The Commissioners of the Treasury tell me, they will deal very punctually with you, and, I promise you, whenever I can see the occasion fit for it, I will endeavour, all I can, to procure you satisfaction for that time your Equipage lay upon your cost, while you were here, and to have it reckoned into your other allowances.

I have complain'd very sensibly to Monsieur *Boreel* of the notice given in the *Harlem Gazette*, of two Passage Boats that are to pass every Week for *England* from thence; which are certainly intended for the swallowing up of our Letters. If *Holland* do this, why shall not *France* and *Flanders*, do the like? Or why have we taken such pains, to gratifie the desires of the States, in restoring to them the going of our Packet Boats, strait into *Holland* with their Letters as they did before the War? When, I can assure you, they forbad the going of any of their own Boats, remembring that, till the times of Usurpation, no Letters ever went for *Holland* but by the way of *Flanders*; whereas now we do not only give them the satisfaction of the going of their own Letters, strait to them; but even of ours to many parts of *Germany*. If there had been established, amongst the States, a general Letter-Office, we had treated with them; but since there was none, we treated with their Principal Town, (*viz.*) *Amsterdam*, in the same Terms, and very near the same Conditions the Post-Master General did at

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His Majesties Happy Restauration, which was then punctually made good, and their Passage Boats forbidden to interrupt, or vie with our Packet Boats. And if we cannot obtain to be us'd as they were, we must return to the old way of sending by *Flanders*, and leave the Law here to molest their Boats, if they bring any Letters; which, Say and Swear, what they will, their Boats will do it. I enter more largely into this matter, because you mislike Mr. *Ellis's* opening of it, who took the matter too deep, if he went to support our right by the Dominion of the Seas. And I hope if he shall hereafter urge any such Arguments, you will do us the favour to conceal them.

Here inclos'd you receive the Replies, we have prepar'd, and so long promised you to Monsieur *de Witt's* Glosses, upon the *East India* Company's Propositions. My Lord Keeper and Mr. Secretary *Trevor*, and my self have examin'd them with all possible fairness, and modelled them our selves. And, without any particularity, perswade our selves Monsieur *de Witt* will admit of them, and give us that satisfaction we desire upon them, if the States be content to establish such an Equality in Trade, as he hath always professed to you they were willing to do. And, in one word, we are all perswaded our *East India* Company cannot prosecute their Trade, without these Concessions, to their Satisfaction or Advantage.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, Novem. 10. 68.

My Lord,

I Have received all yours to the 16th. The former will be sufficiently answered by the inclosed Paper, which we have prepared in requital of Monsieur de Witt's, after very serious Reflections upon the *Pyrenean* Treaty, the Treaty of *Aix*, and the Promise of a Guaranty, given by you, and the States Deputies, to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, when you prevail'd with him to send his Orders for the signing the suspension of Arms, and the Treaty of *Aix*. And, if you will give your self the pains, and perswade Monsieur de Witt to do the like, viz. To read over the abovementioned Pieces, we assure our selves you will intirely both of you, be of our Mind; and he, by the inclosed Paper, further convinc'd that we are seeking no subterfuges from the Triple Alliance, or what you have profess'd on our behalf.

The latter, notwithstanding it may perhaps be fit to be answer'd, I mean your Three Questions in it. To the First, you know we are bound by the abovesaid Promise to give *Spain* an effective Guaranty of the Peace, whenever they shall demand it: But, because Monsieur de Witt is of opinion that, for the execution of this our Promise, *Spain* will be content to gratifie us, with the paying the *Swedes* their Money, it is left to you and him to make it so valuable to the *Spanish* Ministers there, as to get that Payment. As for the Conde de *Molina* here we have never spoken to him of it, because he never did so to us.

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To the Second, We cannot think it fit *Sweden* should be ask'd to come into the Guaranty with us, till their Money be paid them, for fear it should make them fly off from the whole, or give them a new occasion of severe expostulations with us. Besides you find, by the form of our Promise of the Guaranty, they were not then united with us in the Triple Alliance, and were only conditioned to be invited into it, as the Emperour, and any other Prince, whose interest it should be to have the Peace made and kept.

To the Third, When the Guaranty shall be agreed on, as is expressed in our Paper, then it will be time enough to consider by what Proportions we shall support it towards *Spain*, and towards one another.

As to your Paper in Cypher receiv'd this day, His Majesty finds that matter is far from being ready for his determination, he wishes it well; but is perswaded it will thrive the better the less you meddle with it.

I have also received your Letter to Mr. *Ellis*, but have not had time to read it. The Sally of Don *Juan* is a strange one; if no trick of *France* be in it, it will either end in the driving away the Confessor, or Don *Juan's* undoing himself. If *France* be in it, it will certainly open the War again. It therefore behoves us to lose no time in making our Concerts for our own securities, and if it be possible for the conservation of the Peace of Christendom.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, Novem. 27. 68.

My Lord,

I Took my Bed that night I receiv'd Five of your Excellency's together, Two of the 20th. One of the 23d. One of the 27th. and another of the 30th. S. N. with the enclos'd Queen of Spain's Letter, the Spanish Ambassadors Memorial upon it passes for New York, &c. All which I put into Mr. Secretary Trevor's hands to advise with my Lord Keeper upon them, and to attend His Majesty to have His Resolutions thereupon. Accordingly he wrote to you by the last Post, and this Post sends your Credential for the Constable, in that matter, as it was thought fit here to send you. And I am perswaded, having such a Comrade as Monsieur Van Beuningen, you cannot but succeed well, and I hope conclude something with his Excellency, if what the Spanish Ambassador, and Monsieur d'Ognati assure me be true, that he hath full Powers sent him from Madrid for such purposes. And certainly a greater there cannot be for the security of Flanders, than what you propose; and we conceive that you will need no other instruction for it, than that Paper lately sent you, which we are glad to hear was so much to Monsieur de Witt's satisfaction. Which, setting down the Rules, and bound of our Guaranty, I imagine you have nothing more to do, but the making it so valuable to the Constable, as to obtain of him an immediate and effective satisfaction to the Crown of Sweden in what we have promised them. Which being over, I suppose our next work will be amongst our selves, to concert the manner

and means to support the Guaranty. The noise is now as strong as ever, that *France* will break the Peace the next Spring. Taking notice of which Monsieur *Colbert* hath by express command, from his Master, attended His Majesty, and assured him he hath no such intention; and his going so roundly to work as he does with the Protestants of *France*, makes it somewhat more probable that he will keep his word. If our business were done in *Spain*, and our succeeding Confederation secured, methinks our united Offices might mitigate some of those rigours threatned them.

We make what haste we can to dispatch my Lord *Carlisle*, but I fear His Majesty will not be of opinion that he should touch in *Denmark*; for that were to give them the point they have hitherto contended for, which is, That His Majesty should send first to them. But, as soon as I am upon my Legs, I will send you His Majesty's more positive resolution herein.

The way directed him now, is going to *Gottenburgh*, and from thence strait to *Stockholm*, leaving his Equipage to follow him at the opening of the Frosts. You speak of a new Minister coming into the *Low-Countreys* from that Court, but say nothing of Monsieur *Appleboom's* removal.

You must not suffer the States to be so delicate as to except against Monsieur *Sylvius* his passage through their Countrey, because it is his only way by Land, and you may confidently answer Monsieur *de Witt*, whom he shall have order to attend, that he will do no unbecoming thing either in the Prince's, or any other business else. *Cuneus* has been as troublesome here, during the War, and much more than Monsieur *Sylvius* there, and yet we took no offence
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to see him here with the Ambassadors at their first arrival. If you let them be thus tender with you, you will have a troublesome life of it there.

Monsieur *Boreel* tells us, with seeming satisfaction enough, that he is now to stay here; so I fear Monsieur *Van Beuningen* will not come, which I am sorry for. I see Don *Estevan* hangs heavier upon their hands there, I know no remedy for it, unless you can find it with the Constable, or Sir *William Godolphin*, when he is in *Madrid*. And, tho it were infinitely to be wish'd also, that His Majesty and the States Interposition could quiet the disorders in the Court of *Spain*, yet it is hard, at this distance; to know where to take the matter, so as to meddle properly with it; when we know it better perhaps we may find an entrance easier into it.

I am very glad to find you so well perswaded of the success you are like to have in the *East-India* Propositions: Conversing, as we do now, more than formerly we did, by the benefit of the Council of Trade. With the Merchants, we find it is not possible to have them pleas'd without these Concessions; and by them we understand that the passing under the *Dutch* Forts in the *Indies*, is a point of as great importance as any of the rest. If we were to pass there with Troops, their jealousy would be justifiable; but that private Merchants, with their Goods, only should pass before their doors, can give them no other fright or apprehension, but that we should profit as well as they.

Mr. Secretary *Trevor* shewed me your Letter concerning *Banister*. You cannot believe what a jealousy it gives here upon the Exchange that he should be so long detained; they will not fancy less than that all their Countrey Men are kept in Chains in

Surinam, and that he is not suffered to come hither to tell the Story of it.

There will be a Copy of the Order of Council sent you with this, recalling all the Passes but One, that were given for *New-York*, and That to serve but for this Year. If you send to *Amsterdam*, I am assured here they are prepared to declare to you, which is the Ship they will have go, and already you may be sure it will be the biggest; therefore you must notifie to the others not to proceed with their Lading.

The success you have had in burning the Libels hath begotten in *France*, as well as here, a desire, that you, joyning your self with any Minister of theirs, should desire the States severely to forbid all Printing of Libels for the future, so derogatory to the Honour of Princes, and the quiet of their People. I am assured, if you send to speak with Monsieur *Elfwire*, he will put you into the way of doing this effectually.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, Decem. 4. 68.

My Lord,

Since my last, I have received Two of your Excellencies, of the 4th. and 7th. currant, together with a Copy of the Constable's Powers, which, with the benefit of His Majesty's late Credential, will, I hope, enable you to make some good conclusion with him, *viz.* The Payment of the whole Money to *Sweden*. I see the States have no mind to
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bear any share of it; and on our part, tho our Will is good, our Performance, I fear, will not be so; which, it will be fit, the Constable should know. As I said in my last, if you persist in the opinion of going to his Excellency, you must frame your Instructions out of all those Minds and Papers which have been sent you from hence. And, if the *Spaniard* makes no other Provision, for the engaging Us and the Neighbour Princes, but what he supposes is naturally furnished from our Interest to preserve them, I dare answer to you, before hand, we shall be wanting to him.

We are still to seek what will become of the Sally of Don Juan, all the Letters from those parts seem to direct Us to believe the Affair will be kept within the bounds of *Spain*, and end either in the retreat of the Inquisidor, or the loss of Don Juan; unless they fall into the *Medio Termino* of sending his Highness into *Flanders*, and that *France* will have much a-do to have any part of the Game on one side or the other.

I know not how to answer your Question of *Dolman*, who hath not only ever had the reputation of a Rank Republican, with relation to *England*, but was actually engaged on the *Dutch* side, in the *Dutch* War, and hath his name in the Proclamation, summoning him to render himself within such a term; for which I know not how he can deserve his Pardon, but by the Services he shall render to His Majesty thro your Person and Character; which we must make it our Business to render as valuable as they can deserve to be. In the mean time your Prudence will direct you, not to let him despair of your good Offices, so he will furnish the Matter for them. And I take this to be a better Door for him to enter

by into His Majesty's Pardon, than that Colonel *Sidney* hath taken, of making acquaintance with my Lord *Clarendon*.

I cannot but wonder at Monsieur *de Witt's* Memory speaking for him, or young *Honywood's* Widow, and forgetting His Majesty's repeated Intercessions for Monsieur *Kievet* in his own Royal Hand, to all which there hath not yet been made so much as a Civil Reply.

When you shall give more particularly to me the condition of the *English* Company at *Dort*, I shall endeavour to serve it here; but you will be better instructed therein, from some of the Factory there, than you can be from hence. Since you left us, there is a Council of Trade sitting, to whom all Considerations of that kind will be naturally referred; and it will be worth your inquiry there, what opinion they have of it; and whether they be inquisitive after their Transactions.

I supposed our Office had furnished you with the Evidences we have against Captain *Brackel's* insolencies in the Mediterranean; of which here inclosed there are new Copies sent you. When we doubt of the Truth of them, we must give off believing what is done so far off. The States will judge of the Crime, and proportion the Satisfaction, which ought to arise from themselves.

You have likewise herewith a Copy of an Order of Council for the detaining a ship of War, belonging to the States, come into the *Isle of Wight*, which has on board him an *English* Man brought from *Surinam*, whom the Council would have the Captain give up into our hands. The indignation that is raised here against the usage of our Countrey men, in that Colony, hath begotten this hot Resolution, which

which you must alledge for the excuse of it, if need be: But, if it so falls out, that the *Dutch* Captain be gone away, then you shall do well to speak little of this matter, and content your self only with a positive demand of the Prisoner *Jones*; complaining, as you did in *Banister's* case, of the violence done to him. Mr. Secretary *Trevor* will send you a Copy of the Answer prepared for the *Dutch* Ambassador's complaining of the detention of the Ship.

I am, &c.

London, Decem. 11. 68.

My Lord,

THE Bearer Sir *Edward Sprag* is sent by His Majesty to the Constable of *Castile*, to complement his Excellency upon his arrival in *Flanders*: where, because 'tis possible you may either meet him, the said Sir *Edward*, according to your late Credential, or send to him in order to something in His Majesty's Service, I thought I could not do less, than in a few lines let you know that he is a brave Man, and hath long serv'd His Majesty faithfully, (particularly with much gallantry in the last *Dutch War*) that you may, in all occasions, put that value upon him, which is his due, and which shall be always acknowledg'd by

Yours, &c.

*Whitehal, Decem. 22. 68.**My Lord,*

MY Brother Secretary being now settled in his Province, whereof your Negotiation is a part, I hold my self excusable in my less frequent writing to you. Upon this Foundation, I come to be in arrear to your Excellency for Yours of the 14th. 18th. 21st. and 25th. to which I am to add, that I receiv'd this day by the hands of Major *Banister*, whom we have not had yet time to question, as we ought to do, before we form such a Complaint, as 'tis supposed, ought to be made concerning his usage.

Long before this arrives, you will have receiv'd all the *East-India* Company, and our Committee of Foreign Affairs can furnish in defence of what we insist upon in the amendment of the Marine Treaty; where we conclude they do not deal ingenuously with you, who resemble their Forts (which are indeed no other than strong Ware-houses built in Countreys of other Princes) to those in the *Spanish West*, or *Portugal East-Indies*; wherein they are both Sovereign Masters of the Territories, wherein they forbid others to Trade. And, I am sure, when you have made this Reflection upon the difficulty you meet with there in this Point, you will not think it to be founded in so much reason, or fanse how we can Trade thither without this liberty we insist upon. On the other side, you are not at all mistaken in your Observation and complaint of a sharp humour amongst Us towards that Nation, which cannot be corrected but by giving them fair and equal dealing in Trade; with which I am persuaded

swaded we shall be ever Friends, but without it never, how inconvenient soever a breach would be to us.

I find, by your last, your Journey into *Flanders* is delayed for the want of a Companion from *Holland*, and the expectation of the Baron *d'Isola's* coming thither; with whom 'tis very likely you will prepare, at least, the matter of what shall be treated with the Constable, and consequently, be better enabled how to instruct Us to instruct You. For I suppose you mean no further in your advice of this kind, than to be warranted by His Majesty in what you shall do. And then, with these Instructions, Powers shall be likewise sent you to put them into execution; towards which, I mean, as to the Form of it, we shall have need of your directions also.

We are all perswaded the Information, you have of the Humor and Disposition of the *Swisse* towards His Majesty, from the Baron of *Bonsteten*, is much more sufficient, than any we have from the Person, mentioned in his Letter; tho he hath produced us one, or two from Monsieur *Balthasar* much to the same effect. Methinks you may easily enough reason your Correspondent out of the impropriety of his Demand, that the King should now, after above Eight Years, answer Letters then written to him upon his happy Restauration; which, after the change of Secretaries, are hard to be retrieved; and by letting him know, that if this omission were a fault, it hath been sufficiently reveng'd by sheltring the Regicides, so many years since, in their Countrey, who we do not hear are yet sent away. After I have said all this, if our Confederation with *Sweden* and *Holland* goes on, I think the addition of the *Swisses* will be so valuable to it, as I should not be
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ashamed to advise His Majesty to strain a point of Ceremony in gaining them. And therefore, by advance, advise you to continue cajolling this Gentleman (as you know how to do very well) and with such Letters as he may properly show there.

Here inclos'd, I send you the Copy of the Prince of Portugal's late Letter to His Majesty, by which you will see the mind of that Court in the Affair they have with the *Hollander*. Of which perhaps it will not be fit for you to make use, till Don *Francisco de Melos*'s arrival there; but when he does, it will be certainly proper for you to effect the accommodation of those matters, in His Majesty's name, and to outdo the officious diligences of *France* therein; by which they pretend to tie the dependance on both sides stronger to themselves. And, because they may be, perhaps, mislayed, I herewith send you Copies of the Instrument we gave the Count *de D'hona*, promising the Crown of *Sweden* their Subsidies, and the method by which we should obtain them.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, Decem. 29. 68.

My Lord,

I Have before me Yours of the 28th. *S. N.* demanding Powers and Instructions, and a following one, of *Jan.* the 4th. minding us again of them, which have been suspended hitherto for the reasons expressed in mine of the 22d. But since you call so earnestly for them, I will advise to morrow with
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my Lord Keeper and my brother Secretary, what we can frame for your satisfaction in that kind; especially understanding that the Baron *d'Isola* is detained by Sickness in *Brussels*, and not like to be so suddenly with you. And, the truth is, it were high time that our Triple Alliance were under some Regulation. The knowledge of that might perhaps discourage *France* from opening the War again this Spring; how inviting soever the disorders, and ill conduct, under which *Flanders* is at present, may be to them.

Since I wrote thus far, Mr Secretary *Trevor* hath been with me, to whom I have imparted Yours of the 4th. receiv'd this day, and we have both agreed together to inform our selves very particularly, whether the Forts, which we would pass by in the *Indies*, are very modern ones, and of their names, if it be possible, that you may be instructed to answer that part of Monsieur *de Witt's* discourse with sufficiency. As for the rest, it seems to me to be very Sophistical, especially where he calls those Forts small Colonies, and asks us whether we will permit the *Dutch* to pass through our Territories of *Virginia* to trade with our *Indian Neighbours*.

I forgot in my last to mind you again of speaking with Monsieur *de Witt* of their intentions towards the Succour of *Candia*. We having promised the *Venetian* Ambassador to procure the knowledge thereof, that His Majesty may thereby regulate his own desires to be assistant to so Publick and Christian a Cause.

His Majesty hath likewise commanded me to inquire of you, whom the States wish for King of *Poland*. He is solicited much, by the Duke of *Nieubourgh*, to recommend his Pretensions, and His Majesty,

Majesty's personal kindness to that Prince, inclines him much to favour him; but he would not contribute willingly to any, but such as may be agreeable to our Union, and the publick ends in Christendom, which we are pursuing upon it.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, January 1. 69.

My Lord,

I Have none from You since yours of the 4th.S.N. acknowledged in my last, wherein I promised you, there should be Powers and Instructions sent you by this. But Mr. Secretary *Trevor* hath been so taken up in making my Lord of *Carlisle's* dispatch (who is to go away with this fair Weather and clear Moon) that they could not possibly be made ready. He is to land at *Gottenburgh*, and from thence to pass on by land to *Stockholm*; where his principal Business is, to keep that Court steady to our Tripple Alliance, and to excuse the ill success hitherto of our endeavours to procure the Money from *Spain*, but promising them the continuance of the same till they have satisfaction; he is therein directed to correspond with you.

Since my last I have communicated to some of the *East-India* Company Monsieur *de Witt's* Objections to your Propositions, and particularly enquired of them, where they have been interrupted in their Trade by reason of Ports: They answer me, That the occasion of this Complaint did principally arise from

from the Practice of the *Dutch*, about Six Years since, when, becoming Masters of *Cochine*, they would pretend to hinder Trade in the adjacent parts, and accordingly interrupted the *English* trading at *Porcat*; altho upon the Coast, as *Cochine* is (tho far distant from it.) And altho Places in that vast and large Countrey cannot be enumerated, where (on such pretences) Trade may be obstructed; yet if it be begun to be practised in one, they may proceed in like manner in others: And therefore the Proposal, as it is equal and just, so it is the way and means to prevent misunderstanding, in like kind, for the future. And if it be (as the *Dutch* alledge) That there are but few places from whence such Complaints can arise, then there is the less Cause for their scrupling to agree to the reason of it; So that there is not any claim of Commerce with them, in their own Cities, Towns, Forts, or Colonies. The thing only proposed is, (as hath been in the First Article of the former Papers expressed and clearly stated.) That, upon their having a Pass, upon any River, or pretence of Sovereignty, the *English* may not thereby be hindred from Trading to those Places, where they have settled Factories, Commerce, and Trade, no more than all Nations are hindred from Trading to *Hamburgh*, by reason of the Towns of *Gluckstadt*. When they urge for an instance the Practice of the *English* in their Plantations, we say it is a thing not at all desired from the *Dutch*, that they should grant within any of their Cities, Towns, Castles or Plantations (under their * Occupancy) any more liberty, than is permitted to them in

* This is the word they think signifies their sence better than Sovereignty, which may be usurped where they have no Occupancy.

the *English* Plantations. And, as to their instance of a Ship that is cast upon *Barbado's* by a Storm, we know of no Law that doth confiscate any such Ship, which doth not make that a pretence to come in for Trade. And the Query that is made, whether the *English* would permit them to Trade to Nations beyond *Virginia*, the *Dutch* know it to be altogether frivolous. For that the passage into *Virginia* between *Cape Henry* and *Cape Charles*, with the Bay and Rivers leading up into the Countrey, they are all so entirely possess'd by the *English* on all sides, that there are no other Nations besides, with whom they can suppose to have any Commerce or Trade. Or, if there were any such Nations, they have not Factories, nor settled Commerce with them, neither can the *Dutch* land there, but upon *English* ground; which liberty the *English* claim not in *India* from the *Dutch*. But as for passing by Forts, or Rivers, leading to Trade, the *English* having Fortifications at the mouth of *de la Ware*, *Connecticut*, and *Kinnebeck* Rivers, where the *Dutch* and other Nations had Trade many miles by such Rivers, the *English* did permit them free Trade to such Places, until the late War put them out of possession, and that by the Articles of Peace, all right to those Places was quitted by them. They further say, That the Objection, touching the *English* Act for Navigation, doth not at all reach the Case; there being no restraint thereby laid on the *Dutch*, or any other Nation from passing by the *English* Forts Eastward, or Westward, or between *England* and *Ireland*, thro *St. George's* Channel; but for the regulating of Trade and Commerce on shoar in His Majesty's Dominions, which each Nation may do within themselves, and the *Dutch* within their Colonies in *India* as they shall see Cause. This

to Sir William Temple, *Bar. &c.* 383

This is what those of the *East-India* Company have discours'd with me upon your Letter, the effect of all which they assure me is sent in their Papers to you. But, for fear they should not be sufficient to answer these last scruples of Monsieur *de Witt*, I thought it not amiss to add them, and to mind you once more, how well you will serve the Publick, strengthen our Alliance, and justifie your own Reputation, if you can happily end this business, as I see you are fairly enough advanc'd towards it: In which I wish you success with all my heart, and according to the Compliment of this day many happy years.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, January 8. 69.

My Lord,

IN my last was all, I think, I shall be able to say to your Excellency upon the *East-India* Company's Propositions, till those of *Holland* furnish us new Matter, which I hope they will not do, but facilitate your agreement with them, in which I am glad to understand Monsieur *Van Beuningen*, for Publick Reasons, is likely to be so helpful to You, as your last Letter of the 11th seems to promise Us.

As for the Negotiation you are entring upon for satisfaction to the Crown of *Sweden*, Mr. Secretary *Trevor* sending you so full Instructions and Powers upon that Subject, I hope you will likewise have the good luck to conclude that matter well.

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I had a Letter of the 8th. from the Baron *d' Isola*; who said he was then going into *Holland*. He exalts much the probabilities of *France's* opening the War again this Spring; and much lessens the Power of *Spain* to resist it, even to a degree as to say, they will not be able to pay all the Money themselves promised the *Swedens*. When you shall come to talk with him, I pray ask him what kind of encouragement this Language is like to give to the Confederates that are like to bear the burthen of their Cause. *Sweden* they know will not pay their own Troops, whilst they are in their Service, and the Baron cannot but remember, what I have so often said to him, and you to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, by His Majesty's command, of our Abilities to support our part; and methinks, it is not amiss you should, now and then, mind him and the *Spanish* Ministers what a Temptation Men have to desert their Interest, where there is neither Profit nor Honour in maintaining it, I might add, where there is a total disability to do it.

I have now received your Answer to the importunity of the *Venetian* Ambassador, and I hear he hath gotten the wind of the effect of it. If *Holland* should insensibly lead us into a breach with the Grand Seignior, we should lose a vast Stock, and the most beneficial Trade we have. If we send and keep in pay 2000 Men, as the States propose to do, the Consequence of it must be the seizing all our Merchants Effects in the *Turkish* Empire, because we have a formal Peace with the Grand Seignior, which, I suppose, the *Dutch* have not; and this will oblige Us, to manage and continue our Succour with Secresie, and if it be possible, out of private Purfes, that the Publick may not be expos'd to reproach;

reproach or damage by it, and because it is very possible what Monsieur *de Witt* says may be but a Copy of his Countenance in this matter, you shall do well to sound him farther in it, and ask him particularly, how he hopes their Trade, which is not a small one in those parts, can be secured, if they so avowedly succour *Candia*.

We are expecting, every hour, an Expostulatory Memorial from the *Dutch* Ambassador, concerning our behaviour towards our Countrey-men, and as he calls it, their Subjects in *Surinam*; he told me the other day, he had understood that *Jones* was left a shoar at the *Isle of Wight*, which we cannot upon any inquiry hear of: This saying of the Ambassadors, and your having no News of him from *Zealand*, makes suspicious Men apt to think he is made away. The Letters of the last Post, told you of the change of the Resolution to send my Lord *Carlisle* by Sea, the hard Weather that then began, made the Seamen conclude it impossible he should go that way; therefore now His Majesty will have him go by Land, and make his first step through *Holland*, where you will see him, and instruct him the best you can; we shall know before he goes, whether His Majesty will suffer him to see any body in *Denmark*. It is resolv'd he shall carry some Body in his Company, that shall go away to *Muscovy*, to try to accommodate that Court with the *Suede*.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, January 22. 69.

My Lord,

MR. Secretary *Trevor* and **I**, have communicated to the *East-India* Company, the effect of your former Letter, and the Proposals of the States General, in answer to yours upon the whole Matter, which is at present in dispute amongst them; and that **I** have lodged the said Proposals in our Companies hands to judge of the wording of them in Articles, since they seem to be agreed in the Substance. Since which time, Mr. Secretary *Trevor* and **I**, have had another meeting with them, and they are agreed the framing our Mind into Articles, of which a Copy is herewith sent you, if they be agreed to, there is an end of this matter: and without a perfect disingenuity on the part of the *Dutch East-India* Company, we cannot see how they can be rejected: The remaining question therefore will only be, in what Form they shall pass, and be made Authentick. You cannot forget, that at your first arrival there, many Letters passed betwixt You and Us, relating to this question, and, if **I** do not misremember, the result of them was, That the treating this Matter by declared Commissioners of both Nations, would open a door to troublesome demands on both sides, that might discompose the happy Union betwixt us; according to this, Mr. Secretary *Trevor's* opinion and mine is, that your Excellency should obtain the passing their Articles, under the Title of Explanatory and Additional Articles, upon, and to the late Marine Treaty; but before you can be ready for it, we will know His Majesty's distinct resolution herein,

herein, and send it to you. And if you still insist thereupon, we will send you from hence, these Articles transcribed into Latin.

With the Articles goes also a Paper, instructing you to support them, which joyn'd to the former Discourses made you upon this Subject, will (we presume) make you strong enough to combat any of their Exceptions, and particularly, Monsieur *Van Beuningen's* Letter, a Translation of which you sent me, in your last of the 25th.

The Letters from *France* assure us, Monsieur de *Lorraine* has submitted and will disarm, but the *French King's* Declaration at the same time, That the Marshal de *Bellefond* shall make a Levy of 2000 Foot, and more if need be, to succour the *Venetians*, gives a jealousy, that they have some delight upon some of their Neighbours; we would be glad to know Monsieur de *Witt's* opinion in this point.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, January 26. 69.

My Lord,

THIS Gentleman, Sir *Gabriel Sylvius*, was long ago design'd by His Majesty, to go in quality of His Envoy to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, to Congratulate his Marriage; and because His Majesty infinitely desires, That his Electoral Highness should concur with him, the Crown of *Sweden* and the States General in the Resolutions they have taken to support the Peace, His Majesty thinks this not

an improper occasion of exposing to him his desires therein: But because the Place you are in, is able to furnish better, and more personal Arguments to the said Prince, than possibly will occur to Us from thence; His Majesty hath commanded me to recommend him to your Excellency to furnish him what you can in that kind, and leaves it to your own discretion to judge, whether it will not be fit you acquaint Monsieur *de Witt* therewith, which he cannot but take kindly of the King, and perhaps, this may introduce a good occasion of this Gentleman's visiting Monsieur *de Witt* upon the same Subject, and remove from him any Umbrages he may have contracted formerly in the business of poor Monsieur *Buat*, who paid dear for his faults if he had any.

His Majesty would have you likewise instruct him, in what manner he shall speak to the Elector, in the concerns of the Prince of *Orange*, and for this reason, he carries a Letter from the King to the Prince, that his Highness may see, he is not out of His Majesty's Care. And in this point you shall do well likewise to instruct him, how he shall first speak with the Princess, and after with the Elector.

Having said thus much, I need not add any more upon this occasion, than to desire your Excellency, to use this Gentleman very kindly for my sake, being my particular Friend. In requital of which, you will have the satisfaction of discoursing with one that will be able very intelligently, to give you an account of all our Affairs here.

I am, &c.

My

Whitehal, January 26. 69.

My Lord,

HAVING sent your Excellency in my last, the utmost of what we can say or think, upon the Marine Treaty; it is not necessary to give you any Repetitions, and I hope, those you deal with there, will now Categorically say yea or no, whether they will gratifie our Merchants importunity upon Us in this Point; if it be in the Negative, it were good we knew it betimes, to make them digest it.

I see by both yours of *January* the 29th. and *Feb.* the 1st. *S. N.* You have brought the Business of the *Swedish* Subsidies to such an issue, as the Constable must either give or refuse them, having prepared in Writing, the Form of the Guaranty, by which he may see what he has for his Money.

I hope the *Swedish* Ministers, as they will undoubtedly have Powers to receive it, will likewise have those which must qualifie them to joyn in the Guaranty with Us, and that Mr. *Silvercrown* will desist from the Imaginations, that his Allies will pay for the keeping their Army in *Bremen*.

I am glad *Jones* is come away, he will certainly be useful here, for the Confutation of the *Dutch* Ambassador's long complaints against Us, concerning *Surinam*.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, February 5. 69.

My Lord,

I Received yesterday together your Excellencies of the 5th. and 8th. with the inclosed draught for the payment of the Subsidies to *Sweden*, the Project for the Guaranty, and the Concert with what Forces we shall support it. I have not had time yet to produce these Pieces to His Majesty, and the Foreign Committee, so I cannot give you any warrantable opinion upon them, only by Anticipation from my self, I will venture to say, That if the Draught, and the Terms of Payment be acceptable to *Sweden*, I make no doubt but it will be so to Us. The Project of the Guaranty, will, I fear, appear to be too extensive in Words and not Warranted by the Article of the Treaty at *Aix*: The Concert is well put in a Paper a-part, and I hope will not be proceeded upon, till His Majesty shall have more than the Barón *d' Isola's* word for being effectively re-imbursed the Charge he must be at in supporting his *Quota*. Upon all, I suppose, you will be content to stay some days to expect His Majesty's opinion and directions, since, I presume, the Mind of *Sweden*, and their full concurrence in the Guaranty, must be known to you at the *Hague*, before any thing can be finally concluded.

I am, &c.

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Whitehal, February 12. 69.

My Lord,

I Left Mr. Secretary *Trevor* to acknowledge to your Excellency by the last Post yours of the 12th. Since when there is a Letter come from your Family, speaking of your indisposition, from which, I hope, this will find you recovered. To morrow we shall finally debate, and conclude, I hope, the Form of the Guaranty to be given *Spain*; upon which you shall then know His Majesty's pleasure by the next. In the mean time, we are not a little troubled to hear rumours out of *France*, That the *Swedes* are gained by them, and will fall from the Triple Alliance. The Resident here, desired me to let him read the Instrument of the Guaranty, and Concert for the Payment of the Money, upon the sight of which he concluded positively, the *Swedes* would neither enter into such a Guaranty, nor admit such a delay in the Payment of the Moneys. I am perswaded you will know their Minds better at the *Hague*, than we can know here, and this is but an ill confirmation of the rumours from *France*. Monsieur *Colbert* seem'd to be much alarm'd at the News of your Transaction with the *Spanish* Minister, but seem'd as quickly appeas'd, when he was assured they went no further than the Warrant of the Peace at *Aix*.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, February 16. 69.

My Lord,

MY last to you was of the 12th. wherein I promised your Excellency with all speed, His Majesty's resolution concerning the Projects sent hither, upon your Conferences with the *Spanish* Ministers, which by reason of my Lord Keeper's Indisposition, I could not do till now, nor perhaps now so effectually as I ought, Mr. *Williamson* being out of the way, who hath in his hands the Notes of what was resolved at our Foreign Committee, but if my Memory fail me in any particular, I will supply it in my next.

His Majesty will willingly agree to the Project for the Payment of the *Swedish* Subsidies, so it be acceptable to them, only wishes, the Terms for what will be remaining after the first Payment, might be shortned, fearing they may not be so pleasing to them.

His Majesty entirely concurs in the Project for the Guaranty, in the words you sent it hither, but dislikes the inserting into it, the Specification of the Succours, because it ought to be a Point a-part amongst Our selves, and ought not to be given to either of the Parties, whom we understand we must gratifie with the same Form of Guaranty: Besides, it seems to carry some contradiction in it, to say we must warrant the Peace *totis viribus*, and in the same Instrument to specify particular ones. These are the reasons you may use to them for your own, further satisfaction, I may add, That *Sweden* and *Holland* will probably reckon that strength to be kept

kept up for the Guaranty, which they would entertain without it, which according to our standing methods we cannot do. Besides, according to what the Baron *d'Isola* hath suggested to you, we would be glad to have some assurance from *Spain*, that they will pay us for the Charge we shall be at to serve their turns; and if credit may be given to a Letter we have now in our hands, from the *French King* to the Pope, wherein he promises not to move the War this year, for what pretence soever. We have time enough after we have taken our Cautions as abovesaid, to frame a Concert of Succours, according to the obligation of our Guaranty.

And this, I hope, will give time likewise for the securing to *Sweden* the 30 000 Dollars *per mensem*, which I remember was in debate the last Year with the Comte *de D'hona*, but ever understood to be made good by *Spain*, tho' promis'd by His Majesty and the States.

Since my last, I have received Yours of the 19th. giving an account of my Lord *Carlisle's* and Sir *Gabriel Sylvius's* arrival there. Mr. *Montague* is just going away also, and he goes instructed to concur intirely with the *Dutch Minister* (whatsoever he be) in all matters relating to the Triple Alliance, and the Guaranty of it, as likewise the disposing that Court to a friendly composition of all differences between them and *Spain*, or, remitting them to an Arbitration.

My Lord Keeper writes amply to you (as he tells me) upon the business of *Surinam*, and Mr. Secretary *Trevor* will send you a Copy of Mr. *Boreel's* complaint in those Affairs, as likewise our Answer to them as soon as 'tis framed.

In the mean time, my Lord Keeper's Letter will instruct you to talk of them if there be occasion, and tell you his Majesty's opinion of his willingness to deal for that place, which can be worth little to *Zealand*, when our Countrey-men are taken off it, as certainly they may be, by the capitulations made there.

I have shew'd the Queen, what part you have had in serving Don *Francisco de Mello*, which both their Majesty's are glad to see, and the Queen bids me give you her particular thanks for it.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, February 26. 69.

My Lord,

I AM asham'd to be so much in arrear, as in one Letter to acknowledge Four of your Excellencies, as of the 22d. 26th. instant, and *March* the 1st. and the 5th. *S. N.* The Two last of which I receiv'd this Afternoon, and have communicated them already to my Lord Keeper, and in them we see how hard a task you have to bring the States to a good Conclusion in the Marine Treaty; but we hope their Commissioners having charged themselves with finding out some Temperament and Expedient in that Affair, it will be such a one, as our *East-India* Company will be content to admit of, and till that appears, and that you have promised my Lord Keeper upon this whole matter, we have concluded it fit to forbear trying our last strength
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with our *East-India* Company, who always affirm to us, That we have got nothing if we do not get this point, of passing the Forts.

I hope mine of the 16th. sending you His Majesty's approbation of the Terms of the Guaranty, is long before this time with you, and that you are not many days from receiving the like from *Sweden*; tho in the mean time, my mind is at quiet, in the belief that those Ministers of *Sweden* there, know the mind of their Court much better than Monsieur *de Lyenbergh*.

The *Spanish* Ambassador hath surpris'd us here, with his declaring to His Majesty, that he would leave this Court in a few days: We cannot but allow he has reason to be much troubled at the News brought every day, of the frequent and new Hostilities committed by his Majesty's Subjects in *Jamaica*, upon those of his Catholick Majesty.

What we can say in excuse of them, you will see in the inclosed Copy of a Paper given him the other day, which I thought fit to send you, that you may be enabled to argue the matter as we do, with the *Spanish* Ministers, if there be cause for it. And we are dispatching away Sir *William Godolphin* within a day or two, to bring this matter to a good conclusion at *Madrid*, if it be possible, by clearing it with some new and express Articles, since those of *Jamaica*, will never think themselves secure in the Ambiguity of the former ones; which being but the same in Terms with the precedent Treaties, the War in effect hath been ever kept on foot on both sides, and in *Cromwel's* time, was made a ground for his attempt upon *Hispaniola*.

I am, &c.

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Whitehal, March 5. 69.

My Lord,

I Did not know at the writing of my last, that my Lady *Temple* was come to Town, tho she had done us the Honour to spend many hours, that day at *Goring-house*, and since many more in the solicitation of your concernment; I hope we shall send her back again to you well pleased therein, tho not so well I am sure, as I desire.

I have your Excellency's of the 8th. and expect from it and your former, very impatiently; the fair Expedient Monsieur *de Witt*. hath charged the Directors of the *East-India* Company with there, for the satisfaction of ours, because, I cannot understand, that these have any disposition to lessen their demands, neither can they produce any other instances of Places than what their former Papers have mentioned.

I long likewise with the same impatience, to hear what the *Swedes* say to the Projects of the Payment and Guaranty. On the First of this Month I dispatched away by a Ketch to *Hamburg* a Letter from His Majesty to the King of *Denmark*, in answer to a very obliging one that King had written to His Majesty. I hope the Packet may overtake my Lord *Carlisle* before he be embarked for *Swedeland*, and in that belief, I send this second Letter, which I beg of you to dispatch after him with all possible speed.

Here inclos'd I send you an Instruction from Sir *Peter Pett*, desiring some diligences to be done at *Amsterdam* about a Prize Ship, called the *Sacrifice of Abraham*, of a very considerable value, you must apply

apply all your Care and Diligence to prevent the taking it from us, under pretence of its belonging to the *Genoueses*; for if it should prove so, His Majesty would be obliged to refund a great Sum of Money to them. There is likewise inclosed a Paper of complaint from Major *Bannister*, exposing all his hard usage from the *Dutch* in *Surinam*, but particularly directed to the securing some quantities of Sugar, kept from him in *Zealand*. I have given the like Paper to the *Dutch* Ambassador this day, and Mr. Secretary *Trevor* hath likewise delivered into his hands, our Answer to all their Complaints, Letters and Memorials, upon the subject of *Surinam*, with which he will likewise furnish you. The Ambassador took his leave of His Majesty yesterday, and resolves to part from hence *Monday* next, on which day, His Majesty likewise goes to *New Market* to spend 15. days there, if His liking of the Sport there lasts so long. I shall follow him six days after, and endeavour to return before him. ---

I am, &c.

Whitehal, March 26. 69.

My Lord,

I Find my self in arrear to you for Three Letters of the ^{2.}_{12.} ^{5.}_{15.} and ^{12.}_{22.} The First sends a Project of a *Muscovia* Trade, of which I cannot yet give you my opinion. The Second mentions your expectation of a New Envoy from *Sweden*, and your opinion That that Crown will support the Triple Alliance. The Third desires Sir *Peter Pett*'s
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cross Interrogatories, which are sent you herewith, and at the end of them, an account of the Commission. From hence we have little to say to you else, more, than that we expect the conclusion of the Guaranty, and your success upon the Marine Treaty, upon both which matters you have all we have to say, till you give us new occasion.

Our Court hath been filled these many days past with the changes of that of *Madrid*, but seems not in the last Letters to have taken any certain plie, for tho *Don Juan* had driven away the Confessor, yet he had not gotten himself into *Madrid*. The dis-union of the Councils there, gives us but a melancholly prospect of the Affairs of that Monarchy.

The Prince of *Tuscany* is at last landed at *Plimouth*; after having lain a shoar in *Ireland* and *Scilly*. I leave all other News to the Gazettes, and

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Whitehal, April 13. 69.

My Lord,

I Have Two of your Excellencies before me un-answered, of the 2d. and 9th. *S. N.* and have seen what you wrote last to Mr. Secretary *Trevor*, of the *Swedish* Agrément, with the form of the Guaranty, and their joint Inclinations with the *Dutch*, to have us presently agree upon the concert of Forces for support of the Triple Alliance under the said Guaranty. I have told you in former Letters, the reasons we had to delay it, but cannot tell you how we shall now determine the point, till it hath been under a debate.

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The *Spanish* Ambassador hath furnished us with Alarms, under which they are in *Flanders* upon the motion of the *French* Troops, all we could reply to it was, That we could not believe his most Christian Majesty would break his word, so solemnly given for this year; and that we would write of his Complaints to you at the *Hague*, and to Mr. *Montague* at *Paris*, that you might do your several Offices upon them. I find Mr. *Montague* much troubled, that there is not a *Dutch* Minister of equal Character with himself, to assist him in those Expostulations which he is like to have cause to make.

I suppose you have heard from my Lord *Carlisle*, what his success hath been at *Copenhagen*, and how the King hath sent Orders for the restoring the *English* to the entire benefit of all those Privileges and Immunities they had in Trade, in the year 1660. And that they would send immediately an Ambassador hither, by which our Master is like to fall into a better Intelligence with that King than could be obtain'd by any Mediation of our Neighbours.

The Conde de *Molina* hath unfurnish'd his House, and put off his Coach Horses, so that he is ready in a few days to make his journey hence.

The last Letters from the *Hague* tell us, the resolution is chang'd, of sending Monsieur Van *Benningen* hither, and that Monsieur *Boreel* will return to his Post. We know not what to foretel by this, either of our success in the *Marine Treaty*, or business at *Surinam*.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, April 23. 69.

My Lord,

I Have seen what your Excellency has written this day to Mr. Secretary *Trevor*, concerning the concert of Assistance upon the Guaranty, whereupon we resolve to know the King's final Pleasure before he goes to *Newmarket*, which will be on *Monday* next.

I shewed His Majesty yours to me of the 23^d. Which serv'd only to bring again to His remembrance, His Debt to his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, and to assure me that he will have it principally in his care to satisfy it when he can; but that for the present it is impossible for him to make any one step in it. The Queen Mother is (God be thanked) well recovered, and if she should miscarry, Two Years of the Profits of her Joynture after her Death, were long ago given her to pay her Debts; after which Two Years her Joynture will be resettled upon the Queen Consort.

This day I received yours of the 30th. with a compleat List of the *French* Fleet, of which I think they do industriously disperse Copies, for I have had a Dozen of them sent me within this Month past, from several parts. If their Greatness improves every year, to the proportion it hath done of late, they will be troublesome Neighbours, and I do not see a Spirit in Christendom to contradict it, otherwise than by every ones endeavouring to save its own stake. I would I could say so with *Spain*, who will requite us ill for our endeavours to serve them this last year, if they put upon us the advancing to *Swedeland*

land their last Payments, which you must take heed of consenting to.

I am sorry to read in your late Letter to my Lord Keeper, your despair of doing any good for our *East-India* Company, in that important point they pretend to. This has made me advise with the Governour a-part, and in confidence to know whether the Company may not be brought to moderate their Demands. He is a sober prudent Man, and seems to value, as we do, our Alliance and Conjunction with *Holland*, but he tells me, what is insisted upon must be either granted or deny'd. The Proposition is capable of no Temperament; which I assure you, was very ill news to me.

The King hath commanded me to signify His Pleasure to you, to use your utmost endeavour to procure for Madam *de Buat*, a Licence to go to the *Hague*. That you may see how earnestly she desires us, I send you here inclosed Monsieur *de Moulin's* Letter, written I suppose from her own mouth; but I think, you shall not do well to make use of it, further than for your own Instruction, lest the Blots in it should make it suspected, there were warmer Words in it than are to be read.

His Royal Highness says, that by his Patent, the drowned Goods belong to him. By my next I will be able to tell you, what share he will allot the Fishermen; and I will be glad, if I can incline him likewise, to give you a Profit in it, for having produced them. By this you see my Stars have not inclin'd me to be rich, since they will not let me take those things that are given me.

I am, &c.

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Whitehal, May 14. 69.

My Lord,

I Think I have omitted to congratulate with your Excellency, your good success in the signing the Guaranty. We are preparing His Majesty's ratification upon it, which shall be sent you with all speed. Mr. Secretary *Trevor* shewed me yours of the last Post, and the *East-India* Company hath been with us both this day, supporting their old Demand by a very pregnant, and formidable Example, of the usage of the *English*, in the King of *Macassar's* Country.

I will not enter into the detail of it, because you will have it at large from Mr. Secretary *Trevor*, I will only say thus much, upon the whole, That I am sorry to see that satisfaction, we have so long hoped for, is so little advanced. I can assure you, those that dislike that Alliance, make great use of it.

I have enquired after the condition of the drowned Tinn, and find the Treasury hath yet a sharp Eye upon it, as deep as it lies in the Sea; so that I dare not meddle with demanding it. His Royal Highness expects to hear what conditions the Fisherman of the other sunk Goods will demand of him; into which, if you please, you and I will endeavour to add one for our selves, if at least we may be admitted into it.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, June 1. 69.

My Lord,

THis acknowledges your Excellencies of the 31st.
 past, since the receipt of which I have seen
 what you wrote to Mr. Secretary *Trevor* upon our
East-India Company's complaints, wherein we al-
 ways concluded your Prudence will ever conceal what
 cannot be justify'd; and content your self with ar-
 guing and insisting upon what can be so, if they
 have complained of any wrongs that the late Treaty
 hath extinguish'd, that oversight or indiscretion of
 theirs must not lessen our desire to procure and as-
 certain to them those freedoms of Trade in the fu-
 ture, which common Justice, and the common In-
 terest of our remaining always good Friends will
 require; and of this, I say, your Prudence must al-
 ways distinguish and separate from the Papers they
 present to us. I content my self with making this
 general Reflection to you, leaving it to Mr. Secre-
 tary *Trevor* to be more particular, when he shall
 have spoken again with our *East-India* Company,
 and to answer what this days Post may have brought
 him from you, not having seen him since the Let-
 ters arrived.

I come just now from my own Dinner, where I
 found my Lady *Temple*, who for want of a conveni-
 ence hath not been able to get away, nor consequent-
 ly to possess you with His Majesty's Ratification of
 the Guaranty. I should be very glad I could be con-
 fident that at its arrival there, the *Spanish* Money
 would be ready to be put into the hands of the *Swe-
 dish* Ministers, and that the Constable, or some body

from *Madrid*, had power to content the *Swede* so in the future expectations of War or Peace, that they might not resort any more to us, to grant or deny them any thing therein; for this kind of sowing will put us at last, I fear, a-sunder, when we shall be forc'd to declare positively we cannot grant, and they become impatient of a denial. But a better complexion of Affairs at *Madrid*, might easily prevent all this. I would to God there were any better appearance of it, than the last Letters brought us from thence. The *Spanish* Ambassador lies now at *Portsmouth* expecting the arrival of his Ship there that is gone about out of the River. He is gone with hopes, and very ardent desires, to be able to perswade the Ministers at his Court, to take better Measures than they have yet done towards their Affairs *del Norte*.

This day the Prince of *Tuscany* began his Journey to *Harmich*, leaving His Majesty and the Court, (I might say, the whole Kingdom) entirely pleas'd with his behaviour here; and really, 'tis scarce to be believed, at this distance, to what degree his behaviour hath won upon all sorts of People. It is therefore His Majesty's Pleasure that you express so much towards him, and confirm in him all the belief he carries away of His Majesty's Kindness and Value for him, that is consistent with your Character of Ambassador, for which reason you cannot visit him in his House, where he will not give you the hand, but in all Third Places where you shall meet casually or designedly with him, the giving or taking it will be easily avoided, and yet those personal respects paid to him which are due to his Birth, and the esteem His Majesty hath of him: And this the *Spanish* and *Venetian* Ambassadors

dors here, found it easie to satisfie him in, but not the *French* Ambassador, with whose behaviour he expresse himself as much displeas'd, as his Prudence will give him leave. It was an omission in me not to send you the Story as it was delivered to me, of what pass'd in that affair. But I have ordered the Writer to make a Transcript of what I wrote upon it to my Lord Ambassador *Montague*, and to send it you with this.

I cannot end this Letter without telling you that the Queen is very well, and gives us every day cause to rejoyce more and more in the hopes of her being with Child. God grant it have its effect accordingly to make us all happy.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, June 18. 69.

My Lord,

I Have Two of your Excellencies to acknowledge of the 18^o and 21^o. The former says the *Swedish* Money is not yet arriv'd, your latter says not so much in that point; which makes us fear 'tis still farther off, and what is more grievous in those matters, the Council of *Spain* (from whence the redress of this and all other matters relating to our League should come) seems by the last News from thence to be more divided than ever.

I am glad to hear your Complement passes so well with the Prince of *Tuscany*, and sorry that the great Duke his Father should believe that the Prince had not suffered enough here, but would order him to

carry the story of it to the *French* Ambassador at the *Hague*, upon which occasion, what you said to Mr. *Castiglione*, is all that the matter will afford, or at least, that will be fit for him to be said upon it by us.

By the next Post, without further delay, His Majesties Letter shall be sent you, to the Constable of *Castile*, in favour of the Prince of *Orange's* Law Suit in *Flanders*, which will give me a good occasion of shewing His Majesty, what you write to me in your own justification, concerning the Prince.

I need not tell you again, how Sophistical and disingenuous the Answer given you to the *Surinam* Business appears to us. Mr. Secretary *Trevor* hath Orders to do it at large, to whom I must refer you, for that, and for our Thoughts upon the last Overture you sent us upon the *Marine Treaty*.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, June 29. 69.

My Lord,

I AM to acknowledge your Excellencies of *July* the 2d. *S. N.* giving an account of what had past betwixt you and the Two Gentlemen of the Prince of *Tuscany*, sent to complement you after his return from *North-Holland*, of which I have given a distinct account to His Majesty, who notwithstanding his great Partiality for the Prince, approves intirely of your proceeding towards him. And the Truth is, after what his Highness hath done to the *French* Ambassador, I fear he must renounce all Commerce with Ambassadors as long as he is out of his
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own Countrey. I find in his Letter to Sir *Bernard Gascoyne*, that he expects much from me to help him out of this distress. Tho I have all the desire in the World to do it, yet I cannot tell how to apply that desire to his satisfaction. His Majesty seems very much troubled in his behalf, but knows not how to give him ease, neither can I so much as direct you how to write upon this subject to him, tho I have spoke my mind pretty freely to Sir *Bernard Gascoyne* upon it, and concluded, that either abroad in the Future, as I said, he must fly the Concertation of Ambassadors, or go home and expect his Father's Death in requital of the good Office he hath done him.

The *Swedish* Resident hath been with me this Afternoon, and tells me, he is full of hopes, That the Money for his Master, is now effectually coming from *Spain*; and minds me again of recommending to you, the procuring him a speedy, effectual and intire Payment of the whole Summ, which I need not spend many words to perswade you to.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, July 9. 69.

My Lord,

I Have Two of your Excellencies, of the 9th. and 12th. In the former was a compleat Project of what the States are willing to grant for the ratifying the Marine Treaty, which according to our Customs, I communicated to the Governour of the *East-India* Company, to which he hath sent me

their Answer; this Evening Mr Secretary *Trevor* put it into my hands, but I have not had yet time to read it, neither indeed have I any great appetite to do so, because Mr. Secretary tells me, it is not at all pleasing to the Company. As soon as they are at leisure, their time being these Two Days last, taken up with the arrival of the new *East-India Ship*, we will have a new Conference upon the whole matter, and then if it be possible, come to a final resolution one way or other; for I am heartily weary of the length this matter hath had, and cannot give my self any hopes of seeing it well concluded, the Company professing they had better be left as they are, with their Pretensions fair and intire, than have them blasted for ever with a bad conclusion.

In the mean time, I have some satisfaction in seeing your Letters revive our hopes of the arrival of the *Spanish Money*, for the satisfaction of the *Swedes*: *Spain* hath fairly ventur'd the loss of the fruit of our Triple Alliance, and they seem thereby to think (if at least they do think at all) that we are more concern'd in the support of it than they, and they are not much in the wrong therein, for which reason, as soon as *Sweden* is ready for it, by having touched their Present Money, and declared themselves secure of their future Payments, you will find us as ready as we have ever professed to be, to enter into the Concert of Forces to support our Common Alliance, of the Materials for which, I suppose, you have thought, though yet you say nothing of them.

Your last Letter of the 12th entertains us with Monsieur *Pomponne's* discourse upon the taking and Execution of *Roux de Merfilly*. I will not answer, but his indiscreet discourse here, of which he was
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very lavish, may have exposed him to this misfortune. But I am confident it came not abroad by any such Stratagem as Monsieur de Ruvigny standing behind a Hanging: all he was trusted with from hence was, his own undertaking and unaskt offers, of getting the Regicides sent out of *Switzerland*; he affirming he had credit to effect it, tho the Event shewed the contrary. But this Colour they are willing to put upon it in *France*, rather than declare their suspicion of other Transactions of his under the direction of the Baron d' Isola, of which yet, I suppose, they knew very little, since he obstinately refused to the last Moment, to confess any thing: And, I am perswaded might have been yet alive, if he had not hastned his Death with his own hands. Which, however done by himself, would have reflected more upon the Government in *France*, than the executing him as they did. In a word, The Man was a compleat Mad-man, and so I assure you ever handled by me, whatever opinion others had of him.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, August 10. 69.

My Lord,

I Have Two of your Excellencies to acknowledge of July 16. and a fresher in August, which I have not by me to acknowledge the Date of. In it was the good News of my Brother *Lalecks* having obtained the Government of *Sluys*, and the good Offices you render'd him therein, to Monsieur de Witt, for which I render you my humble Thanks, and have
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here inclosed the like to Monsieur *de Witt*, in a Letter which you may please to give him, if my Brother be of opinion you should, if not, you may make such a Complement in the matter, as you and he shall advise together.

In the same Letter was likewise Don *Estevan de Gamarra's* last Letter, which I read upon Thread, with those others Mr. Secretary *Trevor* shew'd me, sent him by you, by the same Post. In the last methinks was much more *Fierté* than ought to be apply'd to you on the occasion. I suppose His Majesty will make no scruple of entring into the Concert for Forces to support the Guaranty, towards which, the Guarantees ought to call upon one another, and not the *Spanish* Ambassador, unless he hath a mind to add to all the unsufferable delays, in the coming of the *Swedish* Money, a *querelle d'Allemand*, not to pay it at last. I remember, I long ago told you, all the difficulties that would be on our side, upon entring into the aforesaid Concert, but, I think, I told you then, many of them would be probably removed, if we could see upon what Terms, the Instrument would be framed. If Don *Estevan de Gamarra* will find fault with the Language of your Letter to him, and conclude you a worse *Spaniard* from it, he requites you and us very ill, for what we have done in that Cause; if what hath hapned since on their part could have been foreseen in the beginning, I am afraid it would have had fewer Abettors.

Mr. Secretary *Trevor* will tell you His Majesties mind concerning *Surinam*, and that when we have met once more with the *East-India* Company, we shall be able to send you the like concerning that matter.

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Monfieur *Boreel* is arrived, but not yet in his Harnes; his Character being chang'd from Extraordinary to Ordinary, he is in doubt whether he be not under the Obligation of making a new Entry. The *Danish* Ambaffador hath not yet made his for want of his Fine Coach. I would be glad to hear from you what Figure the *Danish* Minister at the *Hague* takes. The Ambaffador here professes great dispositions in his Master to restore the two Crowns to the intire correspondence they have ever been in. But when I ask'd him what opinion his Majesty had of coming into the Triple Alliance, he answered me, he thought it was not long liv'd, and that *Swedeland* would go near to fall from it, as soon as they had receiv'd this Money.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, August 13. 69.

My Lord,

THE inclosed is a Letter from His Majesty to his Excellency the Constable of *Castile*, intreating him to restore Mr. *Taaffe*, my Lord *Carlingford's* Secretary, to the Command of a Troop of Horse, which he lost in the Marquis *Castel Rodri-go's* time, for serving the Count *de Grimbergh* as Second in a Duel, or to give him some equivalent Employment, and the said Mr. *Taaffe*, owning himself to be much obliged to your Excellency, and His Majesty having no Minister at *Brussels*, intreating me to put the Letter into your Hands, and to prevail

vail with you, to procure a favourable answer to it, I could not deny it him, for his Relation sake, and for the opinion which every Body must have, that he hath sufficiently suffered for his Fault. Wherefore, I desire you very earnestly to afford him what good Offices you can in this occasion, which I will take as done to my self, and requite in any the like occasion as

Yours, &c.

Whitehal, August 24. 69.

My Lord,

I Have received your Excellencies of the 27th. N.S. with a Copy of a pretended Concert of Forces, supposed to be made heretofore at *London*, from whence it might be inferred, we make a difficulty to execute now, what we have heretofore stipulated, after having told you, that there were many Papers framed about that time, by Monsieur *Meerman* sometimes, and at other times by the Baron *d' Isola*, which never took effect, nor were signed, and consequently are now improperly alledged; I may securely assure you again, His Majesty will make no difficulty of entring into a Concert, when required by the confederate Allies, or obliged by the motives and grounds of the Guaranty, tho you know as well as any Man living, that His Majesty always declared to the *Spanish* Ambassador here, and by you to the Marquis *Castel Rodrigo*, that he would never be at Charge by reason of the League. But so far as he should
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be indemnified by the Money of *Spain*, which despairing hitherto to be secured in, you cannot forget; that the last year I warned you thereof, and that before you accepted of any Project of a Concert you would endeavour to send us word, whether it would be likely to oblige His Majesty to any present Expence, which you know he is not in a State of supporting; whereas the other Confederates have always their Forces, subsisting, and must keep them on Foot whether this occasion were or were not: and this only exception therefore I have to your Expedient you offer in Mr. Secretary *Trevor's* Letter, That His Majesty cannot properly promise in a Letter to the Constable, the entering into a present Concert of Affairs without asking him at the same time security for the Money it will cost His Majesty (the Promises of *Spain* by experience being become worth so little) which is all, he the Constable, can give us for the present. And if this be our Condition (as you will easily suppose it is) how shall we bring our selves to answer again to the *Swede*, the Payment of any more Money from *Spain*, as is likewise proposed to you, to speak freely to you in this matter, I fear much, tho the Moneys be now actually there, the *Spaniards* will find twenty Excuses for keeping it in their own Hand till they have some effectual Service for it; and because they see how dear the League is like to cost them, trying what the effect of their present Negotiation with the *Marquis de Villars* at *Madrid*, upon a Treaty *de Convenience*, (which I know they are actually in) will produce, before they will part with their Money. Upon the whole matter, it is a hard case that the Question being upon the defence of the Frontiers of *Holland*, They, the States, do not only lean

so hard upon His Majesty, as to make him either consent to put himself into a present extraordinary Expence by this Concert, or to deny it; and by that means both weaken and discredit the League, but also deny him satisfaction in things we think so reasonably insisted on by us: As that Point of the *East-India* Company, and that other of *Surinam*. In the former, 'tis certain Mr. Secretary *Trevor* and I, have carried the Company as far as possibly we can, as you will see by the Project of the Article lately sent you; and in the latter, my Lord Keeper and my Lord Privy Seal joyned with us, framed together the substance of the Letter lately written to the States General, after we had carefully examined the Capitulation of *Surinam*. The Treaty of *Breda* directing the Restitution of it into the same state it was held the 10th of *May* that year. And in a word, all other Papers concerning that Affair, wherein none of us found the least ground to doubt of a Power left to the *English* to come away with their Effects, whenever they should demand leave for it; which being now denyed them, upon their own instance, we conceiv'd His Majesty was in possession of a right to demand it for them, His Subjects Obedience in *Surinam* being but conditional, and not to be likened to that of the Inhabitants of the conquered Towns in *Flanders*, or that of the *Dutch* in the *New Netherlands*: It is a hard thing to find any new Arguments in either of these Cases, therefore I will not trouble you with a repetition of any more of the old ones, only one thing now, I will (presuming upon the Friendship betwixt us) say to you, Nothing is more ordinary in the mouths of Men here, than that your Partiality and mine for the League, or in plainer Language, for *Holland*,
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makes us easily follow all Monsieur *de Witt's* Dictaments, not only in that particular, but in the aforementioned, and all others; and that the World will never believe otherwise, till they hear you have been at Cuffs with Monsieur *de Witt* there, and I with Monsieur *Boreel* here. In a word, till you have made this point of the Concert easie to the King's present condition, and procured his Subjects some tolerable satisfaction, in those two Principal Points of *Surinam* and the *East-Indies*; both our Reputations will be in some danger, not only with the Court, but with the Exchange too. Therefore I pray bestir your self. in our vindication.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, August 27. 69.

My Lord,

I Sent your Excellency by the last Post a long Letter in Cypher, in Answer to the Effect of most of your late ones to Mr. Secretary *Trevor* and myself. Amongst other things, I made some exception to the Expedient you offered of a Letter to be written by His Majesty to the Constable, to incline him to pay the Money to the *Sredes*, whereof it seems he is now possesst, but that Point having been since debated before His Majesty, He concluded it fit to write, tho not in those Terms you suggested, and to which my exception was made, yet in such general ones, as you see are express'd in the inclos'd Letter, whereof here goes a Copy for you. Having
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said this, I have nothing more to add upon this Subject.

One thing I am earnestly desired by Sir *John Worstenholm*, and some of the Farmers of our Customs, who are deeply concern'd in the satisfaction pretended by *Courtine's* Heirs from the *East-India* Company of *Holland*. One *Cary*, who values himself upon a Power to indemnifie and discharge the said Company, is gone into *Holland* to offer a final conclusion upon it, for an inconsiderable Sum of Money. Sir *John Worstenholm* and the Farmers desire you by your Credit with *Monsieur de Witt*, to put a stop to the said Composition till they may have time to be heard upon the Subject of it.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, Septem. 24. 69.

My Lord,

AT my return to *Hampton-Court* from the Country, I met your Excellency's with the inclos'd one from the Constable to His Majesty, and that which he sent you upon the same Subject; which, together with the many Papers you have lately sent Mr. Secretary *Trevor* and my self, are attending a serious debate before His Majesty, the Resolution upon which, shall be sent you with all possible speed: The truth is, the Constable's positive denial of paying any part of the promised Subsidies to the Crown of *Sweden*, and the Security they demand for the future Payments, perplex us very much. We know how much it behoves His Majesty to make good and support the Triple Alliance, and with it defend

defend the *Spanish Netherlands* from a new Incurſion from *France*, but the weak concurrence from *Spain* it ſelf thereunto, the ill method in which their Affairs are in *Flanders*, and their having forgotten all this while to propoſe ways of indemnifying us, in the Expence we muſt neceſſarily be at, for their defence, makes it very hard to know what to adviſe His Ma- jeſty. In the mean time, neither in that preceding Letter, nor the former you wrote to me in Answer to my long one in Cypher, you have not yet answered my Queſtion concerning the Nature of the Concert of Forces, which is like to be offered us, ſuch a one it may be, as we might eaſily conſent to; and yet the *Spanish* Miniſters can give us no better Security for their Payment of the Money, than they did when we Signed and Ratified the Guaranty. This Matter is perplexing enough in many other Circumſtances. I give you theſe ſhort touches of my ſcruples, that you may judge how heavily this Matter lies upon my Stomach. God direct us well in the digeſtion of it.

Yeſterday I received Yours of the 27th. S. N. Wherein your Excellency tells me of your reſolution to put your ſelf and Family into Mourning for the Queen Mother's Death, in which you have done very well, and care will be taken to ſee you allowed for it. I have adviſed Mr. *Montague* at *Paris*, to make a State of his years Extraordinary, including his Mourning in it, which I will Sign and tranſmit to the Lords Commiſſioners, and I think this is the beſt rule you can follow, to have yours alſo paid you. Tranſmitting it to Mr. Secretary *Trevor* in whoſe diſtrict you are.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, October 22. 69.

My Lord,

I Hope this will find your Excellency free from the Indisposition in which a late Letter to Mr. Secretary *Trevor* left you, and that you have had time to try what effect the directions sent you by Mr. *Werden* will have had, for the Payment of the *Swedish* Moneys; till the knowledge of which I find His Majesty unwilling to come to any Resolution upon the last offer you made to Mr. Secretary *Trevor*. Upon which I had likewise a long one from the Baron *d' Isola*, and, for the same reason, forbear the answering it yet. In the mean time, I beg of you, to return him his Packet for *Spain*, which he may with the same security send by Monsieur *Pom-pone's* hands, as by mine. I have acquainted his Royal Highness with what you wrote me concerning the Fishing of Wrecks, and Mr. *Wren*, by his appointment, is to meet me to morrow Morning upon that Subject; which I hope will beget some Conclusion, to be sent you by the next.

I am full of shame, to have lying before me Two Letters from his Highness the Prince of *Orange* unacknowledged. I beg of you to make all fitting excuses for my having hitherto delayed the doing it, which I shall in a few days be able to do with more sufficiency, when I know what Plie is taken in *France* upon the disposal of the Queen Mothers Goods: Where, if his Royal Highness and Monsieur, are allowed to come in for their shares, the Prince will likewise have the same Right to claim his.

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And, as to the Jewels, his Royal Highness, who was the Princess Royal's Executor, is preparing a report to the King, upon that Matter. Being ready, as I said, in these two Points, I will give his Highness the best account I can of them, and humbly beg his excuse that I forbear Writing till then.

The Parliament was opened by a Speech from His Majesty, and my Lord Keeper on *Thursday* last; since which time the House of Commons have been employed in debating the great Question, which arose betwixt the Lords and them at the end of the last Session, and are come to a Resolution of endeavouring to regulate the Controversie by a Bill, which is preparing: Which, how acceptable it will be to the Lords, time only can tell.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, October 29. 69.

My Lord,

I Was very sorry to hear, this Week, that Mr. *Warden* was put back again into *Harwich*, after having endured six or seven Days foul weather at Sea. I have hopes, before this, he is with your Excellency, and that he hath found you well recovered, and in a condition to attempt what effect his Errand will have.

His Royal Highness hath referred me to Mr. *Wren*, his Secretary, to make you some final answer upon the Point of Fishery. We have agreed

that Powers be sent you, to make the Bargain, and Instructions upon what Terms you shall do it; which Mr. *Wren* promises shall be all ready to go with the next Post.

Here inclosed I send you an Authentick Copy of Monsieur *de Ijone's* Answer to our Ambassador's Memorial, complaining of several Infractions of the Peace by the *French* upon the *Spaniard*. One Article was left out by Mr. *Montague*, at the Recommendation of the *Dutch* Secretary, who is at *Paris*; the rest appeared to us fairly answered, and with great Complement to His Majesty, which He commands you to make valuable to the *Spanish* Ministers, assuring them he shall proceed with the same willingness, and, he hopes, with the same good Offices that may preserve the Peace.

My Brother *Overkirke* arrived here two Days since, but brought me no Letters from you. I fear your want of Health was the cause of it, which I wish you may enjoy heartily, with all other Happiness.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, January 7. 1670.

My Lord,

I Am asham'd, on this day of the New Year, (which I wish with many following ones may be very happy to you) to acknowledge an old one of yours of the 24th. past *S. N.* which I think yet is the freshest of any we have from you, before us. It came to me the night before I began my Journey into

into *Suffolk*, but being now become an old one, requires little or no answer, unless I should repeat again to you the perfect Friendship I have, without any Interruption, continued hitherto; and I dare say, shall continue all the days of my Life. The best present effect of which I can give you is, to advise you not to be troubled at the Censures (as you seem to be) of your Behaviour in that Negotiation: the disorder, befallen it by the irregular Proceeding (not to call it worse) of the *Spaniards*, and the uneasiness, in which that hath left us, may be the occasion of distemper'd, and unjust Censures (of which I have not been without my share) which cannot be long liv'd, and are therefore the easier to be supported.

You will not wonder if I tell you how impatient we are to know what effect His Majesty's offer, to enter into the Concert of Forces, hath had upon the Constable. In the freshest Letter, I have from Sir *William Godolphin*, he tells me, in answer to a very complaining one, I wrote upon that Subject, That he is confident the Constable hath new Orders to comply with our desires thereupon. But, he says withal, the Ministers will have us know it from the Constable only, who may have told it you, if he pleases, by the time this arrives in *Holland*. I pray God he does it time enough to prevent a Breach in the Spring, which, I am perswaded, can only be done by *France's* seeing the Triple League yet in Vigour.

I told you, long ago, of the attempts His Majesty resolv'd to make, upon the King of *France*, to defer the Arbitriment of the Disputes, upon the Dependencies, upon the conquered Places to some amicable and fair Decision, as a means of barring

the Door, through which the War can only enter. He hath had some discourse with the *French* Ambassador here upon that Subject; and our Ambassador hath had the like with the Ministers at *Paris*. Upon both which fair Answers have been made; but not such as are yet worth the sending you. If we can succeed herein, it is the best and the cheapest way we have of discharging our selves of our Obligations to the Triple Alliance; but I doubt not so pleasing to *Spain*, as arming of Ships and Men, and transporting them at a vast Expence would be: unless they have some private Negotiation of their own on foot at the same time. The opinion of which still continues; but each Party will, and ought to play their game as it suits best with the Constitution of their own Affairs, and this I am sure agrees best with Ours. I would it were otherwise.

The *Gazette* will tell you of the loss we have had of my Lord General, and the resentment His Majesty hath of it; I pray God we may not need the wishing him a-live again.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, January 18. 70.

My Lord,

IF I had had time for it, I should have accompanied His Majesty's Letter to the Constable, sent you the last Post, with one of my own, tho it was sufficient going single as it did, that your Council was followed, and that His Majesty would not willingly omit any thing in His Power that might probably

probably put life again into the Triple League, which hath lain languishing so long for want of the *Swedish* Payments.

I have seen your Excellency's Letter, arriv'd this day to Mr. Secretary *Trevor*, wherein you seem to have better hopes of the Constable's compliance, in case a time be put for the readiness of the Troops to be promised by His Majesty, to which Letter you will certainly have a positive Answer, as soon as a meeting can be had before His Majesty for the reading of it. Tho I hope you remember, by way of Anticipation, that we have no standing Army, out of which to take readily form'd Troops: no Places of strength, or security, yet assign'd us abroad, for the refreshing our Men, when they shall be landed; and I may add to you, in your Ear, not so much as any Symptomes, from *Spain*, that they will help us to bear the Expence of them; tho you and the Baron *d'Isola*, both know, how often, and how confidently these things were promised us. These few Reflections I offer only to your self, you must expect the next Post what Mr. Secretary *Trevor* will say to you from His Majesty.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, January 28. 70.

My Lord,

I Am to acknowledge Two of Yours, of the ¹⁸/₂₈. and ²¹/₃₁. In the latter was the Constable's Letter to you, in Terms of Congratulation, and Satisfaction, as if the Money for the *Swedes* was then telling out; but in Mr. Secretary *Trevor*'s Letter of the

same date there seems yet to be an insisting upon a Specification of the Time, in which our *Quota* of the Concert was to be ready, and Monsieur *Ognati* doth much press me upon this point; but, upon the discourse I have had with him, he professes himself so much satisfied, and convinced by what is said, that he hath charged himself to write, and prevail with the Constable, that you shall be no further molested upon this point.

Whilst I was in this discourse with him the Letters of *France* arrived, and brought me this inclos'd Paper in answer to one our Ambassador hath given in to that Court, which gives us most compleatly the Peace for one year longer, and in such Terms as we could not have found a fault in it, if the States had been joyned with our Master and the Crown of *Swedeland*, in the Arbitriment and Decision of the Disputes. For this reason, I fear, it will not be well liked where you are; however you must impart it, in His Majesty's name to Monsieur *de Witt*, that we may know what his Sentiment is of it. I cannot dissemble with you, I wish it had been delayed till the *Swedish* Money had been receiv'd; which Payment I cannot but believe was a little helped by the approach of the Campaign, and the designed Voyage of the King of *France* to the Frontiers. And yet, after all this is said, it would be a great ease to my mind, if you could help me to guess upon what grounds the *Spaniards* have spun on this matter so long.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, February 4. 70.

My Lord,

I Have receiv'd your Excellency's of the 7th. S.N. full of fair hopes that the *Swedish* Money will be quickly paid, and have one reason more amongst many others to quarrel with this bad weather, that, I fear, the Ice will hinder us yet some days longer from hearing it is actually done. And, till it be so, I confess my Mind can never be at quiet for the Triple League. The year of Peace, promised us, may perhaps keep us in quiet; but I cannot believe the Court of *Swedeland* will endure any longer amusements, upon these Payments, and I am sorry you oblige me to a Repetition of it again; that you must, by all means take from them, the *Spanish*, and *Dutch* Ministers, an Opinion that His Majesty will be for any Considerations induced to answer to the *Swedes* for 15000. Crowns a Month, his own *Quota*, in the Condition we are, and the silence of *Spain*, upon their old Promises, are like to be so burthensome, that any Proposition of Augmentation will never go down here: And this is the true Reason why we ought to be fonder of any Truce, or Peace, rather than never so strong a Party of Confederates towards the War. And, upon this Foundation, you may easily infer what our Opinion is like to be concerning the Baron *d'Isola's* Project of bringing the Emperour into the Triple Alliance, with his favour, till I see more, and better Evidences of it than I have yet, I will not believe the Emperour very fond of imbracing the Proposition, so as to give offence to *France*. And, if he be thus
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shie with all his Concernments, and dependencies upon *Spain*; what ought our Master to be with his Necessities, and little security of being reliev'd in them by the Parliament? If that goes over happily, you may perhaps hear us speak more boldly; but, till then, it must be a great part of your Prudence to keep His Majesty from being ask'd Questions, which are hard to grant, and as unfit to deny. From what I say, you may easily infer my Mind, without alledging to the Ministers there, my Reasons for it; and to take heed of suffering His Majesty, or your self to be praised into Measures, which his Strength will not support. It is visible the Interest of *Spain*, of *Holland*, and of *Swedeland*, not only to put themselves into a state of supporting the War against *France*, but even to provoke it; and perhaps it would be our Master's Honour to do so too: But, without Vigour to support that Honour, it would have a contrary Effect upon us, not only abroad, but at Home too.

I must not end this Letter without telling you, how well I am pleas'd with the discourse you say Monsieur *de Witt* made to you, upon the sight of the King of *France's* Paper to Us. 'Tis according to his accustomed Prudence not to spoil a good Thing, because it is not so good as we might wish it. *Faisons meieux*, hath been the ruin of more good Busineses than any other two Words in the World, and therefore I cannot but thank you for your caution, to warn Sir *William Godolphin*, to prevent the Baron *d'Isola's* Commentaries into *Spain*, to extend the Arbitrage upon other Contraventions of the Peace, and the ill usage of his own Countrey; which were very proper Subjects for a Quarrel if that were our Business, which we do not conceive it to be.

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And therefore, besides the use I shall make of it in *Spain*, it will not be amiss, if he give you occasion for it, to warn the Baron *d' Isola* to take heed of provoking His Majesty by such practices. The success of his great Wit renders him too fertile in such Inventions; and, for ought I can see yet, has served him to little other purpose than to expose him, and to imbroyl him in all the places where he hath been. You will not have cause to say I do not deal freely with you in this Letter. I pray make your use of it, and let me know from you, how you understand it. I cannot tell what to say to you, upon your other Letter of the 7th. till I speak with Mr. *Wren*, and then you shall hear from me, with the same freedom, upon that subject also.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, March 4. 70.

My Lord,

I Am indebted to your Excellency for Two Letters of *February* $\frac{8}{18}$ and $\frac{11}{21}$. which were preparatory to what Mr. Secretary *Trevor* receiv'd from you this Week, giving an account of your having happily concluded this long expected Matter of the *Swedish* Payments; the Ratification whereof, and all thereunto belonging he hath order to prepare with all speed, and transmit them to you, of which I give you the *Parabien* with all my heart, tho I will not dissemble with you, I was sorry to see the Instruments run so near the two Points that were
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positively forbidden, to wit, the ascertaining a time for the preparation, and furnishing of the King's *Quota*, in case a War break out: and the answering for a part of the *Swedish* future Subsidies. I am further to complain to you of your self, that, notwithstanding what I wrote to you upon the receipt of Baron *d' Isola's* Project, you have not prevail'd with him to forbear writing, and offering the same to me, whereas I, in my own opinion, furnish'd you with some Reasons both publick and private against the said Project, and told you, as I remember, this would be one of those embarrassing Questions, which are equally hard to deny, or grant. But my way to be reveng'd of you for this shall be to send him to you, therefore provide your self to answer his Questions, as skilfully as you can, from what my Letter suggests to you, and from what may better occur to your self upon the Argument. For, in a word, tho His Majesty's condition, as to his Debts, is much amended since I wrote, yet is he not enabled thereby, or willing, as Affairs of Christendom stand, to enter into great Schemes which may have prejudicial Consequences, how Honourable soever they are in the noise of the World. I must not end this without telling you that His Majesty allows the leave, you desire, of going *incognito* to *Antwerp* for your private occasions, where he supposes your stay will be very short.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, March 22. 70.

My Lord,

WE have been obliged to such attendance, all this Parliament time, that I hope your Excellency will give your self my excuse from it, if you find me less punctual in answering your Letters than I was in the Vacation, and help me to prevail with the *Baton d' Isola* to accept of the same reason that I have delayed so long to answer his long, and Elegant Letter, proposing a farther Progress and *Liaison* amongst the Confederates of the Triple League in conjunction with the Emperour. Against which (I mean in the manner he proposes it) as I remember, I gave you many publick, and private Reasons, and therefore wonder much to find you calling in a late Letter to Mr. Secretary *Trevor* for an Answer to his Proposition: The effect of which having been debated before His Majesty, Mr. Secretary is now sufficiently instructed to answer it; (*viz.*) That His Majesty, in pursuance of an Article, in our Confederate Treaty, admits not only with much joy and satisfaction his Imperial Majesty into it, but is ready to joyn in any Entreaties or Solicitations that shall be thought fit to apply to him, for the same end. On the other side, His Majesty is as unwilling, as indeed unready, as can be imagin'd, to enter into any such defensive Union, as the *Baron d' Isola* proposes; which may, for ought we know, oblige our Armies to march against the *Turk*, if he should invade the Empire. I am sure it must against the King of *France*, if he should attack *Brisack*, or the remotest part of it from us. And so in like manner against
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any Princes of the Empire, who coming into the Confederation, should be after that molested by any of his Neighbours. Besides this, there is something to be given to the time, in which this is proposed to us. How ill a Grace it will have to *France* to make such a League in effect against them, when they have offered to refer themselves to his Majesty's Arbitration, upon all the Points in dispute, relating to the Treaty of *Aix la Chapelle*. The Conservation of which must be the Foundation of such a Union if it be made. But when all this is said, I will confidently believe, till I see something to the contrary more than the Baron *d' Isola's* Letter, that he will hardly be avowed in this Proposition at *Vienna*. This, I hope, will be enough to justify my sending the Baron *d' Isola* to you, when I answer his Letter, which shall be within a few days. Though in the mean time, I suppose, Mr. Secretary *Trevor* will instruct you more largely upon the Point.

The King this night writes to the Prince of *Orange*, renewing His desire to him, to see him here this Spring. If his Highness accepts of the Invitation, my Lord of *Offery* will be sent to conduct him hither.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, April 12. 70.

My Lord,

I Have not by me your last, containing a Project for the receiving the Emperour into the Guaranty of Peace, to acknowledge the date of it. Neither have I time left me this Evening to dilate upon the Contents of Sir *William Godolphin's* last Letter, a Copy of which Mr. Secretary *Trevor* sends to you, together with His Majesties Sentiments upon the Queen of *Spain's* Letter; which I would fain hope, she would mend upon second Thoughts. In the mean time His Majesty puts all his Credit at stake with the most Christian King, to prevail with him not to take advantage upon such an answer to his Overture, which seems to release him from his offer of keeping the Peace yet a year longer. I confess to you, I cannot but tremble, when I consider, that the knowledge of this comes to his hands, when his Foot is in the Stirrup going to the Frontiers: And, what Temptations he may meet with there to invite him to change his Mind. In a word, This last feat of *Spain's*, passes all they have made already; God deliver us well from the Events that may attend it.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, April 29. 70.

My Lord,

THE hurry, in which we were upon the rising of the Parliament, and our following the King to *Newmarket*, was the cause why my Letter was then so short to your Excellency, tho I assured myself Mr. Secretary *Trevor* would be large enough upon the King's Mind, concerning the answer from *Spain*; which, having suspended all Considerations upon the Subject you sent me; I think it likewise fit I should do my opinion, concerning the Project you sent. Since that I have receiv'd one of the 29th. *S. N.* wherein I perceive Monsieur *de Witt's* Judgment of the Answer from *Spain* is the same with ours; at least he thinks fit to say so. For both in *France*, and here, there are many that believe the Letter from *Madrid* was dictated at the *Hague*. And a fresher, I have from Sir *William Godolphin*, insinuates a belief that they may yet answer better than they have done, so they may be a little humour'd in their accustomed quality of delay. In the mean time His Majesty hath imployed all his Credit in *France*, that no advantage may be taken of the First Answer, to which, they have not yet reply'd. But the countenance of the Court seems to justify the Opinion that they will innovate nothing. And yet their silence makes us think they will not put it out of their power to do otherwise, if they see cause. I hope your Excellencies Letters that are upon the way, will help us to guess at Monsieur *Van Beuningen's* Errand. And since you cannot be ignorant of what we aim at from time to time, as you become
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more informed help to direct our behaviour to him.

The King hath put off *St. George's* Feast, that we may be more at leisure to attend Madam's arrival at *Dover*. I am sorry the Prince of *Orange* is not like to make a Figure in that Interview. But, so he carries his Point at Home, we will easily pardon his absence.

The inclosed Letters are to Monsieur *St. Euremond*, to invite him into *England*, where his Friends will be glad to see him. I pray help us to encourage his Journey all you can.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, May 16. 70.

My Lord,

MY Indisposition the last Week was the reason why I did not then acknowledge your Excellencies of the *6th*. as I must now likewise a later of the *20th*. In your former you justify much those Ministers for having had no share in advising the ill Answer sent us, lately from *Spain*. The Truth is, I never thought them guilty of it, when I said it came from the *Hague*, I meant it from the Baron *d'Isola* there, and I had ground enough for what I said, since I deriv'd it from a Letter of your own, acquainting me with his discourses upon the offer of the Arbitrage when it was first made us. But the Truth is, and to give them their due, *Spain* needs no help in such cases, their own methods, and want of knowledge in these parts of the World, makes them naturally fall so into them.

I thank you for the light you have given me into Monsieur *Van-Beunningen's* Errand. I am perswaded

he will not go unsatisfied from hence, if he comes with a resolution only to ask and take Reason. But if he comes to out-wit Us, I mean, to lead us out of our own Measures, into some of his, he may be deceiv'd. After this is said, all I have heard of him makes me have a great esteem and value for his Parts, and accordingly I will endeavour to serve him. And he will certainly be the welcomer here for the good disposition his Town of *Amsterdam* expresses to favour the Interest of the Prince of *Orange*, who will not have the good luck to meet Madam here, since she is already landed, comes no further than *Dover*, and returns again the latter end of the Week, whither I am making all the hast I can. If any thing offers it self there worth your knowledge you shall hear from me from thence.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, June 7. 70.

My Lord,

I Received your Excellencies of *June* the 3^d. *S.N.* when I was at *Dover*, wherein you describe something of Monsieur *Van Beuningen's* Temper, as well as Errand. I have not yet had opportunity to enter into a distinct knowledge of either, having seen him but oncè, and then not discoursing very frankly, either what his Errand is hither, or under what Character he will manage it. When I learn more I shall call to you for help, if it be too obscure for me to understand.

A long Letter I received this Week from the Baron *d' Isola*, speaks more plainly, and, a little out of season, seems to justifie *Spain's* insisting upon the
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Nomination of two other Arbiters; since on the same day I receiv'd a Letter, from Sir *William Godolphin*, wherein he seems to believe they will content themselves with those two already named by *France*. And besides, talks of many things too Mercurial for our plain Heads here. In conclusion, he insinuates a resolution to be quickly here, with which, acquainting His Majesty, he express a dissatisfaction towards him, and bad me write to you, to divert him from this Journey. But this, as skilfully as you can, because of the ungratefulness of it, and that His Majesty hath no Minister at *Vienna* by whom to express his dislike of it.

I have likewise acquainted His Majesty with your Proposition for the making of Salt, and it seems so fair to him that he cannot at first sight but encourage it. As soon as I have communicated that Pattern you sent me to his Chymists, and taken their opinion of it, if it be good, I suppose I shall have His Majesty's directions to bid you send us the Proposal.

I leave it to the *Gazettes* and the common Newsmongers, to tell you how we pass our time at *Dover*; where the resort of so much Company, and so many Nations cannot but furnish the World with relations of what passed.

Here inclos'd I trouble you with a Letter to his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, which enquires after the time of his coming. I pray fail not to send me in the next all you know of it, and what is the true result and value of what hath been lately done for him, which the Letters hither, and discourses upon them do variously interpret.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, June 28. 70.

My Lord,

I Am to acknowledge Two of Your Excellencies of the 17th. June, and 24th. S.N. and am much obliged to you for the discourses of both, which have opened my Eyes to many things that I saw but very imperfectly before, especially the Progress in the Prince of *Orange's* affairs.

We here now speak somewhat more coldly of his Journey hither; in the mean time Monsieur *Boreel* tells me, he is immediately leaving us, he says but for Three Weeks, or a Month; but the Town imagines it is for good and all. I tell him, leaving so good a Second as Monsieur *Van Beunningen*, he need not fear his affairs will decay, or be prejudiced in his absence.

Monsieur *Van Beunningen* tells me, that Orders for *Surinam* are changed again, and into Terms to our entire liking.

I asked him whether we are like to succeed as well in the Business of the *Indies*; he speaks like a brave Man, and says he will charge himself with the Task of convincing the *East-India* Company, that what they ask is not at all to their advantage.

He charges himself likewise with convincing *Spain*, as well as us, That the Measures we either of us take in our Affairs are not good ones, and that he will give us better. These are brave undertakings, we shall see how he will acquit himself of them.

And in this I send you all the News I can of him, or this place, except that unhappy one of the loss of Madam; which hath infinitely afflicted the King, and particularly all those that had the honour to
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know her at *Dover*. The embroilments that were in her *Domesticks*, and the suddenness of her *Death*, made the opinion easily take place with us that she was *Poison'd*. But the knowledge we have had since of the care taken to examine her *Body*, and the persuasion we understand his most *Christian Majesty* is in, (whom it behoves to know this matter to the bottom) That she did not die of a violent *Death*, hath taken off the greatest part of our suspicions. And *Monsieur le Marechal de Bellefonds*, who I hear is arriv'd this Evening, and is charged with giving the King a more particular account of this unhappy accident, and brings a compleat Narrative, underwritten by the ablest Physicians, and Chirurgeons of *Paris*, of her *Death*, and of the dissection of her *Body*, will, as we suppose, entirely convince us, that we have nothing to lament herein, but the loss of this admirable Princess, without any odious Circumstances, to make our Grief more insupportable.

With your last I received a new Box of your Salt; the Examination that hath yet been made upon it, amounts to this only, That it is the same we commonly make, and use in *England*; whereas we hoped it would have supplied the occasions of the *Foreign Bay Salt*; if it does not, it can only render our home Salt more cheap, which you know is not very dear, and yet those that have tryed it say, they are not sure it is so good for all purposes. Notwithstanding all this prejudice, do not, I pray, discourage the Proposer till you have heard again from me.

I am, &c.

P. S. This Day Sev'nnight I wrote a Letter to the Baron d *Isola*, with such an Answer as I could think

fit to make to his long and fine Letter. I am sorry he has not here a better Gladiator to try his Skill with. Mine I'm sure will do him no credit in his Mastery of it, and I fear, afford him as little satisfaction.

These Five following

LETTERS

From a Person of Quality being actually upon the spot, give a particular Relation of the Death of Madam.

*Paris, June 30. 1670.
Four in the Morning.*

My Lord,

I Am sorry to be obliged, by my Employment, to give you an Account of the saddest Story in the World, and which I have hardly the courage to write. Madam, on *Sunday* the 29th. of this instant, being at *St. Clou*, with a great deal of Company, about Five a Clock in the Afternoon, called for a Glass of *Cichory* water, that was prescribed her to drink, she having, for two or three Days after Bathing, found her self indisposed, she had no sooner drunk this, but she cryed out she was Dead, and fell into Madam *Mascbourgh's* Arms, and desired to be put to Bed, and have a Confessor. She continued in the greatest Tortures imaginable till Three a Clock in the Morning; when she dyed: The King, the Queen, and all the Court being there till about an hour before.

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God send the King our Master Patience and Constancy to bear so great an Affliction. Madam, declared she had no reluctancy to die, but out of the Grief, she thought, it would be to the King her Brother; and when she was in any ease, from the Torture she was in, which the Physicians called *Cobick Bileuse*, she asked for me, and it was to charge me to say all the kind things from her to her Brothers, the King and Duke. I did not leave her till she expired, and hapned to come to St. Clou an Hour after she fell ill. Never any Body died with that Piety and Resolution, and kept her Senses to the last. Excuse this imperfect Relation for the Grief I am in. I am sure all, that had the Honour to know her, will have their share for so great and general a loss. I am, my Lord,

Yours, &c.

Paris, July 6. 70.

My Lord,

THIS acknowledgeth Two of your Lordships, the one of *June*, the 17th. by Sir *Henry Jones*, the other of the 23^d. by the Post. I suppose, by this time, you may have with you the Marshal *de Bellefonds*, who, besides his Condoleance, will endeavour, I believe, to disabuse our Court of what the Court and People here will never be disabused of, which is Madam's being Poisoned. Which having so good an Authority, as her own saying it several times in her great Pains, makes the report much more credited. But to me in particular, when I asked her several times, whether she thought her self Poisoned,

she would answer nothing: I believe being willing to spare the addition of so great a trouble to the King our Master; which was the reason why, in my first Letter, I made no mention of it: Neither am I Physician good enough to say she was Poisoned, or she was not. They are willing, in this Countrey, to make me the Author of the Report, I mean Monsieur, and says, I do it to break the good Intelligence between the Two Crowns.

The King and Ministers here seem extremely affected with the loss of Madam, and I do not doubt but they are, for they hoped upon her Consideration to bring the King our Master to condescend to Things, and enter into a Friendship with this Crown, stricter perhaps, than they think he will now she is no more. What was begun, or what was intended I will not presume to search into, since your Lordship did not think fit to communicate the least part of it to me; but I cannot help knowing the Town Talk, and I dare answer that all that the King our Master can propose, will be granted here to have his Friendship, and there is nothing, on the other side, the *Dutch* will not do to hinder our joyning with the *French*. All I desire to know, my Lord, is that, whilst I am here, I may know what Language to hold in Conversation with the other Ministers, that I may not be ridiculous with the Character I have upon me. Whilst Madam was alive, she did me the Honour to trust me enough to hinder me from being exposed to that misfortune.

I am sure for the little time you knew her in *England*, you could not but know her enough to regret her as long as you live; as I am sure you have reason. For I never knew any Body kinder, nor have a better opinion of another, in all kinds, than
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she had of you. And I believe she loved the King her Brother too well, if she had not been perswaded how well and faithfully you served him, to have been so really concerned for you, as I have observed her to be, upon all occasions, since there has been a good understanding between you. As for my own particular, I have had so great a loss, that I have no Joy in this Countrey, nor hopes of any in another. Madam, after several discourses with me, in her illness, which was all nothing but kind expressions of the King our Master; at last told me she was extremely sorry she had done nothing for me, before she died, in return of all the Zeal and Affection with which I had served her, since my being here. She told me that there were Six Thousand Pistoles of hers in several places: she bid me take them for her sake. I told her she had many poor Servants that wanted more than I, that I never served her out of Interest, and that absolutely I would not take it; but, if she pleased to tell me which of them I should give it to, I would dispose of it according to her Pleasure: She had so much presence of Mind as to name them to me by their Names; but the Breath was no sooner out of her Body, but Monsieur seized all her Keys and Cabinets. I enquired next day, where the Money was; one of her Women said it was in such a place, which hapned to be the first Six Thousand Pistoles the King our Master sent her. For just as that Money came it was designed to unpawn some Jewels, upon which she had already taken up the Money; but two days before the King of *France* gave her Money, with which she unpawn'd them, and so the Money came clear in to her.

I demanded the Money upon this from Monsieur, as Money of mine, that was borrowed for Madam, it having been delivered by my Servant to Two of her Women, who assured him, as they could not do otherways, That, that Money came from me, for they never knew that the King our Master had sent it her. Monsieur had in this time got away above half of the Money, the rest I had delivered me; which I did, to the uttermost Farthing, in the presence of my Lord Abbot *Montague*, and two other Witnesses, dispose of to Madams Servants equally, as she directed. Monsieur, has promised me the rest, which they are to have in the same manner, but if they are not wise enough to keep their Council, he will certainly take it from them. I could not have got it for the poor People any other way, and I believe the King will be gladder they should have it, than Monsieur. I desire you will let the King know this for my discharge, and let it go no farther. Sir *George Hamilton* was a witness of the thing, with my Lord Abbot *Montague*. I thought fit to trouble your Lordship with this Account, which is all at present from, my Lord,

Yours, &c.

P. S.

Since the writing of this I am told, from very good hands, and one that Monsieur trusts, that he, being desired by the King to deliver up all Madams Papers, before he would do it, he first sent for my Lord Abbot *Montague* to read them, and interpret them to him; but not trusting enough to him, he employed other Persons, that understood the
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Language, to do it, amongst which Madam *de Fienne* was one, so that most of the private things, between the King and Madam, are and will be very publick, there were some things in Cyphers, which trouble him extreamly; but yet he pretends to guess at it. And complains extreamly of the King our Master for having a confidence with Madam, and treating things with her, without his knowledge. My Lord Abbot *Montague* will, I hope, give you a larger account of this matter than I can; for, tho Monsieur enjoined him secrecy to all the World, it cannot extend to you, if there be any thing that concerns the King our Master's affairs.

To the KING.

Paris, July 15. 1670.

SIR,

I Ought to begin with begging your Majesty's Pardon for saying any thing to you upon so sad a Subject, and where I had the misfortune to be a Witness of the cruellest, and most generous End any Person in the World ever made. I had the Honour, on the *Saturday*, which was the day before Madam dy'd, to entertain her a great while; the most of her discourse being concerning Monsieur, and how impossible she saw it was for her to live happily with him, for he was fallen out with her worse than ever, because that, two days before she had been at *Versailles*, and there he found her
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talking privately with the King, about affairs which were not fit to be communicated to him. She told me your Majesty and the King here were both resolved upon a War with *Holland*, as soon as you could be agreed on the manner of it: These were the last Words I had the Honour to have from her till she fell ill, for Monsieur came in and interrupted her, and I returned to *Paris* the next day. When she fell ill, she called for me two or three times; Madam de *Mechelburgh* sent for me; as soon as I came in, she told me, you see the sad condition I am in; I am going to die, how I pity the King my Brother! For, I am sure, he loses the Person in the World that loves him best. A little while after she called me again, bidding me be sure to say all the kind things in the World from her to the King her Brother, and thank him for all his Kindness and Care of me. Then she asked me if I remembred what she had said to me, the night before, of your Majesty's Intentions to joyn with *France* against *Holland*; I told her yes; pray then, said she, tell my Brother I never perswaded him to it, out of my own Interest, or to be more considered in this Countrey; but because I thought it, for his Honour and Advantage. For I always lov'd him above all things in the World, and have no regret to leave it, but because I leave him. She called to me several times to be sure to say this to you, and spoke to me in *English*. I ask'd her then, if she believ'd her self Poison'd: Her Confessor that was by, understood that Word, and told her, Madam, you must accuse no Body, but offer up your Death to God as a Sacrifice; so she would never answer me to that Question, tho I asked her several times, but would only shrink up her Shoulders. I asked her for her Casket, where
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all her Letters were, to send them to your Majesty ; she bid me take it from Madam de Borde ; but she was swooning and dying to see her Mistress in that Condition, and, before she came to her self, Monsieur had seized on them. She recommended to you to help, as much as you could, all her poor Servants : She bid me write to my Lord *Arlington*, to put you in mind of it (and tell the King my Brother) I hope he will for my sake, do for him what he promised ; *Car c'est un home qui l' ayme, & qui le sert bien, For he is a person that both loves him, and serves him faithfully.* She spoke afterwards a great deal in *French* aloud, bemoaning and lamenting the condition she knew your Majesty would be in when You heard the News of her Death. I humbly again beg your Majesty's pardon for having been the unfortunate teller of so sad News ; there being none of your Servants, that wishes your Content and Happiness with more Zeal and Truth, than *Sir,*

Your Majesties, &c.

Paris, July 15. 70.

My Lord,

I Have, according to your Lordship's directions, sent you here inclosed, the Ring, which Madam had on her Finger when she dyed ; which your Lordship will be pleased to present to His Majesty. I have taken the liberty my self, to give him an account of some things, that Madam gave me in charge, presuming your Lordship would out of modesty,

modesty, be glad to be spared the telling His Majesty them your self; there being some things that concern you. There has been, ever since Madams Death, as you may imagine, upon these occasions, various reports; that of her being Poison'd prevailing above all the rest, which has disordered the Ministers here, as well as the King, to the greatest degree that can be. For my own particular, I have been so struck with it, that I have hardly had the heart to stir out since; which joyn'd with the reports of the Town, how much the King our Master resented so horrid a Fact, that he would not receive Monsieur's Letter, and that he had commanded me home, made them conclude that the King our Master was dissatisfied with this Court, to the degree it was reported. So that to day, when I was at *St. Germans*, from whence I am newly returned, to make those Compliments you ordered me to do, I am not able to express the satisfaction that the King, and every Body had to know that the King our Master was a little appeas'd, and that these Reports had made no impression in his Mind to the disadvantage of the *French*. I give you this account, my Lord, that you may judge how much, in this conjuncture, they value the Friendship of *England*, and how necessary our Master's kindness is to all their designs. I do not doubt but there will be that use made of it, as may be most for the Honour of the King, and the Good of the Nation; which is the chief desire of him, who is with all Truth and Sincerity

Yours, &c.

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My Lord,

I Am not well able to write to you in my own Hand, being so **Lame**, with a fall I had in coming, that, I can very hardly stir either **Hand** or **Arm**; however, I hope in a day or two to go to *St. Germain's*.

This is only to give your Lordship an account, of what I believe you know already, of the Chevalier de Lorain's being permitted to come to Court, and to serve in the Army, as a Marshal de Camp to the King.

This out of
Cypher.

If Madam were Poisoned, as few People doubt, he is look'd upon, by all *France*, to have done it; and it is wonder'd at, by all *France*, That that King should have so little regard to the King of *England* our Master, considering how insolently he always carried himself to her when she was alive, as to permit his return. It is my Duty to let you know this, to tell His Majesty; and, if he thinks fit to speak to the *French* Ambassador of it, to do it vigorously; for I assure you it reflects here much upon him to suffer it.

Whitehal, July 5. 70.

My Lord,

I Promised you, in my last, I would fend you the Answer to the Proposition, concerning making of Salt. Here inclosed it goes to you, sufficiently instructing you what discourse you shall hold to the Proposer.

My fresh Letters from *Spain* tell me the Court hath at last accepted of the Arbitration, joyning to the Crowns of *England* and *Swedeland*, the States General. In my Judgment most properly, since they are joyntly the Guarantees of the Peace.

It will be His Majesty's endeavour now to render this acceptable to *France*, and I could be glad Monsieur *de Witt* were as well perswaded of it as I am. I am confident his humouring it well with the *French* Ministers will make it take Effect, and render it a better expedient, for the keeping the Peace of *Flanders*, than entring into new Ties, and Armings upon them. I have only had casual discourses with Monsieur *Van Beuningen* of late, and nothing upon this Subject, nor indeed with the *French* Ambassadors. So I am not able to tell you what their opinions are of it.

I am, &c.

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Whitehal, July 16. 70.

My Lord,

I Have Three of your Excellencies to acknowledge of the 4th. 14th. and 15th. In the first was your success in your attempt to divert the Baron *d'Isola* from coming to us, which I hope will succeed from my heart. I had a Letter from him this Week from *Brussels*, wherein he seems, for the present, of a mind to forbear it.

The second was to introduce the *Dutch Man*, who is disposed of as he was design'd, and I hope he will have no cause to be discontented therewith: Mr. Secretary *Trevor* is particularly charged with him.

The Third contains but such as, for the present, require no answer, excepting that particular which relates to your self, desiring His Majesty's leave that you may make a journey into *Flanders*, which he consents to. But cannot think it proper to employ you, in the manner you suggest, to the Count *de Monterey*; he not having yet sent hither. And when he has done so, the inequality, that Function will have to the Character you are now under, cannot suffer you to appear out of that Countrey, but as *Incognito*.

We have little News here, but the promotion of the Lady *Castlemain* to the Title of a Dutchess; and the Duke of *Buckingham* to return the King our Master's Complements to his most Christian Majesty in requital of Monsieur *de Bellfonds*; both which are surprizing enough, till men are a little acquainted with them.

The King lately added my Lord *Ashly*, and Mr. Treasurer to the Two Secretaries of State, to treat with Monsieur *Van Beuningen*, *qui ne fait encore que battre le pais*, without coming to any firm Proposition with us. Which perhaps he may think fit to suspend till he sees the issue of Monsieur *Bellefonds* coming hither; or the success of the Treaty of Commerce. The former will be quickly at a Period, for he goes away as he says on *Monday* next; the latter (God knows) is a longer work, and will endure a great deal of tugging in it.

I am, &c.

Whitehal, August 19. 70.

My Lord,

A Feverish distemper, that hath hung upon me ever since my return out of the Countrey, hath hindered me hitherto from giving your Excellency an account of my return hither, and acknowledging Two of Yours, which I find before me unanswered, of *July* the 25th. and *Aug.* 17. *S. N.* neither of which contain'd points requiring a positive answer.

I have sent the Salt-makers to Sir *Robert Murray*, who was the Pen-man of the Paper I sent you; and passes amongst us for a very understanding Chymical Man.

I thank you for the transcript of your Letter, concerning Cornet *Joyce*. But I cannot but suspect there was foul Play, as well as difficulty of Form
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in the hindering of you to take him. And this I told Monsieur *Van Beunningen*, according to the delicacy of Friendship, he would have betwixt us, was, in my Judgment, as much a breach of it, as our denying him the knowledge of the Duke of *Buckingham's* Errand.

I am, &c.

Windsor Castle, September 1. 70.

My Lord,

I Have your Excellency's of the 2d. N. S. wherein you give me a particular account of the manner of the States Commissioners coming to you, and the substance of Monsieur *de Witt's* Discourse at the Head of them; both marking the surprize, and trouble they were in upon the *French King's* Invasion, and possession of *Lorrain*. Which I do not wonder at, considering how valuable, and advantageous a Nation that is, towards their possessing the remainder of the *Spanish Netherlands*: The dividing them from the succour of one another; and the frightening the Neighbour Princes from entering into any Confederation for their succour. And this is truly, the reflection His Majesty makes upon this action.

But on the other side he knows not well what to say, or how to expostulate upon it, till he hears what his most Christian Majesty will say to the World upon it: What the Duke of *Lorrain* will say for himself; and, in a word, how the Emperour, the

King of *Spain*, and the Neighbour Princes will resent it. Which was the effect of my Discourse to Messieurs *Boreel*, and *Van Beuningen*, who came hither to speak with me upon it, but staid not to ask an Audience of the King; foreseeing, as they said well, that His Majesty would not think fit to speak hastily, or without much thought, and advice upon a matter of such importance.

Now because, at the same time with yours, there came another Letter to me from the Baron *d'Isola*, wherein he says he has receiv'd Letters from the Emperour; declaring his purpose to enter into the Guaranty of the Peace of *Aix la Chapelle*, in the pure Terms of the said Peace, as a new ----- whereas we were told long ago he had Powers to this effect (tho others, who ought to have known it, said as confidently he had not) for this reason; for the delay of *Spain's* accommodating it self to the Arbitrage in the Terms it can only take effect, for this new Affair of *Lorraine*, and for many considerations arising to His Majesty out of the whole Contexture of your Negotiation in that Countrey, His Majesty commands me to let you know His Pleasure, that, without delay, upon receipt of this, you come privately into *England*, leaving your House standing there in the Form it is, acquainting Monsieur *de Witt* therewith, as also of His Majesty's purpose to send you speedily back again.

And to this purpose, I am commanded to write to the Baron *d'Isola*, to give him the opportunity of opening to you what he hath truly, and with sufficient Authority to say to you upon this Subject he mentions, or any other.

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Whatever the success of your Journey be, I shall be very glad to embrace you, and confirm to you the unfeigned profession I have ever made of being

Yours, &c.

P. S.

Here inclosed I wrote, by His Majesty's Command, to his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, to know when he would have the Yachts go for him to bring him into *England*. This Evening my Lord of *Effex* came to us.

Whitehal, Septem. 13. 70.

My Lord,

A Report running here that a Packet-boat was lately cast away going for *Holland*, I here enclose a Copy of my Letter to you by that Packet-boat, according to which your Excellency will direct your self to make what convenient hast you can hither, for the reasons mentioned in the inclosed.

By the same Nights Post I wrote likewise, and by His Majesty's Command to his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, to desire him he would be pleas'd to assign a time when my Lord *Offory* might attend him with His Majesty's Yachts, to bring him over into *England*, the King desiring to have him here,

in this latter Season, to take his share of the Sport at *Newmarket*. For his going thither he hath not yet named a time, but it will certainly be about the latter end of this Month. Now if the Packet-boat be not cast away this Letter is needless, if it be, I hope it will suffice not only to your self but to his Highness also, whom I am unwilling to trouble with a repetition of my Question, since you may make it as well; and, if you please, my most humble excuse for the omission.

I am, &c.

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